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Brook's E. coli count again high Downtown danger

By Rebecca Piro

Don't drink the water. Don't wade in it, don't play in it, and don't let your dog drink it, for that matter. For the second time in as many years, Rogers Brook has tested dangerously high in terms of *E. coli* bacteria counts, says Health Director Everett Penney.

"(*E. coli* bacteria) is present in the intestines of warm blooded animals," says Penney. "If you have it showing up in the water, it's indicative of fecal material from beavers, Canadian geese, or it could be from human beings."

Such high *E. coli* counts - as high as 60,000 per sample, when the acceptable level is 200 per sample - were found this summer when the Department of Public Works con-

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Study shows some elevated cancer rates

By Adam Groff

A significantly larger number of Andover women were diagnosed with breast and colon cancer during a five-year span than health officials expected, based on statewide data. In addition, a significantly larger number of Andover men

were diagnosed with skin tumors.

Those are some of the findings in the 1993-to-1997 study of cancer rates in Massachusetts, presented at the last meeting of the Andover Board of Health, and released by the state Department of Public

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Once brown, Reichhold site now deemed clean Town eyes pitch for land

By Rebecca Piro

The Reichhold Chemical property, 46.7 acres with a long history of pollution and contamination, has a new look - it's finally clean.

That's what John Rendall of CH2M Hill, a private environmental consulting firm in Boston, says of the former industrial plant property, located off Lowell Junction Road. After overseeing the clean-up since the plant's closing in 1990, he says the former Reichhold Chemical property is no longer a health hazard.

"The site is now ready for any redevelopment-type planning," says Rendall. "That would be the logical next step."

Town officials have expressed interest in purchasing the property in fiscal year 2002 for between \$3.3 and \$3.6 million, and using it for playing fields and passive recreation.

Though the area at one time was polluted by the chemical resins produced by Reichhold, the land is now clean enough for any of those recreational options, says Rendall.

"Our cleanup is compatible with those uses," he says. "The property would certainly be suitable for that."

Reichhold hired CH2M Hill, a

licensed site professional, to perform five phases of remediation under the state's brownfields law.

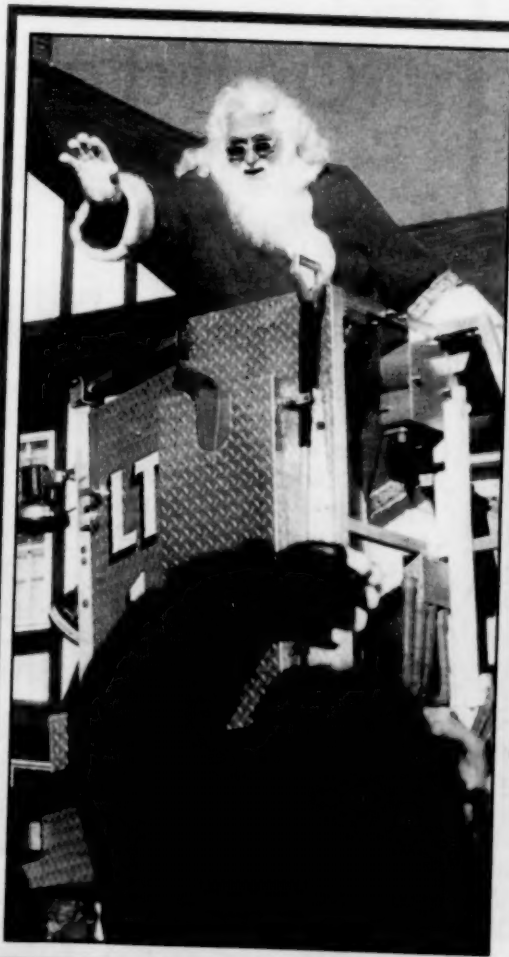
The fourth phase - removing contaminated soil and cleaning buildings where chemical residue was found - has just been completed. The last phase is ground-water testing, which Reichhold will continue doing until it is determined that the water does not exceed acceptable chemical levels.

Health Director Everett Penney receives periodic reports from CH2M Hill on the clean-up progress, which the state Department of Environmental Protection also receives. Though the town's health department will not inspect the property, Penney says he looks to those reports for assurance of cleanliness and usage limitations.

The land is not suitable for residential development, says John Oldham of Reichhold Inc.

It was once an industrial site, and it has been cleaned up to industrial standards. When asked how he would respond to residents concerned with the safety of a child digging in the dirt at that site, he dismissed a real need for concern. There are always risks at any site, whether or not it

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Photos by Tim Jean

Waves of joy - Josephine O'Hagan of Andover was one of the hundreds of residents who came to downtown Andover Sunday to say hello to familiar faces at the Firefighters' Santa Parade. The parade was delayed briefly to allow a bride to get to her wedding. See story, page 2.

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Parade and wedding collide, bride happy Conflict of interests

Santa Claus is on a particularly tight schedule this time of year but, given his jolly nature, he probably didn't mind that the Andover Firefighters' Santa Parade started a few minutes late on Sunday.

After all, there was a pretty good reason.

Andover police delayed the start to let about 175 guests arrive at a wedding at the Free Christian Church, which is along the parade route. They also made a stop at the house of the bride to make sure she could get to the church.

"The police department went out of their way," says bride Marie Gentz.

Gentz says the wedding guests could hear music during the ceremony, and the pastor made a joking remark about it.

"Nothing could have been more perfect. We could hear the brass band outside while we were exchanging vows.

"It's the best day of my life. There was so much communi-

ty spirit," she says. "(The police officers) don't have to care about my wedding, but they went out of

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Grand dame — Bride Marie Gentz says she and Grand Marshal Norma Gammon (above, right) talked of sending each other a mental hello on their big day, Sunday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pearl Harbor service

Commander Louis Heliotis of the Disabled American Veterans of Andover, chapter 18, announced that there will be a memorial service in observance of Pearl Harbor Day, today, Dec. 7.

The memorial service will be held in Elm Green Square at 11 a.m. and will include wreath-laying, speakers, a gun salute, and Taps. All veterans and non veterans are encouraged to attend.

The complete guide to running for office

Residents who think they might one day like to run for a local office can learn the ropes at the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover's annual "Running for Office Workshop" today, Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the third-floor conference room at Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Web question: Train parking

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Does the state need a law mandating kids wear helmets when riding scooters?

Out of 32 votes, nine of them, or 28 percent, supported the statement, "Yes, it will prevent injury." Even more votes, 14, or 44 percent, supported the statement, "Yes, but what is really needed is parental support for helmet wearing." Only one person said, "No, the law will have limited, if any, effect on safety," but another quarter of respondents, 8, said, "No, it is an attack on personal freedom."

This week's question is: The MVRTA is making suggestions for solving the parking crunch at its commuter rail stations. What should Andover do?

To cast a vote, surf to <www.andover-townsmen.com>.

Downtown will have lights to celebrate season

Christmas lights add holiday sparkle to the trees lining Main Street — but more importantly, some would say, they reflect the pride and spirit of Andover.

That's why Chip Rogers, publisher of several papers including the *Andover Townsman* and *Eagle-Tribune*, and a few downtown businesses decided not to let the holiday season pass without turning on the lights.

"I think that we all feel that it is important to maintain the community spirit that we have downtown," says Rogers.

Selectman Lori Becker and the Downtown Center Association announced last week that they could not afford to string the traditional Christmas lights around Main Street this year. But Rogers, along with Andover Bank, First Essex Bank and Kaps, decided that the Christmas lights were worth some extra sacrifice.

"It's important for the town to have lights during the holiday season to show that it's a vibrant downtown," says Rogers, who helped cover the \$12-\$15,000 cost of lighting Main Street's trees.

"As a merchant, I believe in participating in what's going on in the town's events," agrees Jim Kapelson, owner of Kaps.

Because the donors had to scramble

at the last minute for a contractor, the earliest the lights will be on is Dec. 16. Vale Landscaping, an Andover-based company, will do the job, says Rogers.

"Because we contacted them so late, this was the earliest that they could get the lights up. I'm very appreciative of their efforts to do this," he adds.

The police and fire departments will also donate their time to oversee the hanging of the lights, says Becker.

Barrington Drive resident Doug Howe Sr., who has enjoyed the downtown Christmas lights since 1926, is happy the tradition will continue.

"I'm glad. I think a lot of people would have been disappointed," he says.

"You need to get the Christmas spirit all over town so it will get passed around to everyone," agrees Jeff Balbuena of Porter Road.

Tom Keefe, acting chairman of the Downtown Center Association, says that the group will hold a meeting this January to discuss tree-lighting solutions for next year's season.

Residents and businesses are encouraged by the valley chamber to support the cause with donations. All checks should be sent to: Greater Lawrence Chamber Foundation — holiday lighting, c/o First Essex Bank, 71 Main St., Andover.

Quote, unquote . . .

Reichhold has other opportunities to develop this property into other things. Nothing has been signed, nothing has been set in stone. If we can't get past those issues, we're not interested."

John Oldham of Reichhold Inc. saying that the former industrial site is no longer a health hazard, and if the town doesn't want to buy it, others will.

They're going to be building a brand-new facility, and to expect to pay (former prices) is unreasonable," he says.

Andover Hockey Association President Larry Lamagna commenting on the increased rental rates for the Phillips Academy ice rink.

You have to be very careful that you don't unilaterally make an association between environmental factors in the community and cancer."

Health Director Everett Penney commenting on the latest state Department of Public Health study about cancer rates in Andover.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.
Shawsheen River Watershed Association, Tewksbury library, Chandler Street, Tewksbury 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Board of Appeals Deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Planning Board, town

offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Redistricting Task Force, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

South School Council, conference room, 3 p.m.

Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Strategic Planning Long-term, town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Advisory Board, Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, 20 Main St., 11 a.m.

Committee on Disabilities, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

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their way. Hello! How many people get a police escort to their wedding?"

The Santa Parade was originally planned for Nov. 26. But when rain washed out that date, it was rescheduled for a week later, on Dec. 3, at the same time as Gentz's wedding.

Gentz married Jerry LaFortune, and her two young children, Molly and Mikey, served as maid of honor and best man.

— Neil Fater

TOWN OF ANDOVER WATER DEPARTMENT NOTICE

A fire flow test will be conducted on **Saturday, December 9, 2000** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the **DASCOMB ROAD, ANDOVER STREET, ARGILLA ROAD, CENTRAL STREET, RESERVATION ROAD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.** Water may be discolored for a period of time. To help alleviate the problem, please run your outside spigot until the water clears.

Flu shot clinic

The Andover Health Department has scheduled a make-up flu-shot clinic for Monday, Dec. 11 at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Street from 2 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be open to all residents who were unable to attend the November flu-shot clinic.

"The town just received a shipment of the balance of our allocated vaccine from the Mass. Dept. of Public Health," said Joanne Martel, Andover public nurse.

The health department urges those in the high risk category (ages 65 and over and those with chronic conditions as advised by their physicians) to get the shot.

Flu season normal peaks in late December and January. Health officials indicate that early December vaccinations will help provide efficacious protection from the flu.

For more information, call the health department at 623-8295.

For veterans: health update announced

The government has revealed that Agent Orange was used in Korea in 1968-69 and as a result, some 80,000 veterans are now eligible to register with the Veterans Administration for

screening and being added to the Agent Orange Registry (AOR) database.

In addition, Vietnam veterans may now receive service-connected compensation for diabetes incurred as a result of service in Vietnam.

All Vietnam in-country veterans are also eligible to request a VA physical exam for diabetes.

Also, veterans who were wounded or who had surgery involving blood transfusions before 1992 are at significant risk for hepatitis C.

The group most at risk is Vietnam

veterans.

VA medical centers and private hospitals or doctors can provide testing for the presence of this slowly developing but potentially fatal disease. Service-connected compensation may be awarded for this disease and Congress is currently preparing to provide a presumption of service connection for the disease, according to information from the town veterans agent.

Call John Doherty, director of Andover veteran services, for more information at 623-8218.

Redistricting drawing crowd

Gerald Gustus, the School Committee representative on the town Redistricting Task Force, said Tuesday night that the redistricting effort in preparation for two new schools opening in 2002 is going swimmingly. The four meetings held so far have been well-attended.

"I may need a new room to fit everybody," he said, obviously pleased with the rate of public participation.

He said that the task force has hammered out two of the four options they eventually plan to present to the School Committee. Both deal with the elementary schools.

The other two options will address the middle-school redistricting.

"Anyone currently walking will keep walking," said Gustus with regard to who can predict what school they will attend in 2003.

"Provided we don't start seeing kids walking four miles to school," quipped School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood.

The next task force meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the School Committee room on the second floor of the School Administration Building.

— Adam Groff



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Accident victims: Ambulance, fire engine

By Rebecca Piro

The morning of Sunday, Nov. 26 was an icy one.

Freezing rain and slippery roads caused several accidents in town, including one on Lowell Street where an ambulance skidded into a car, a fire truck and finally, a telephone pole. No one was hurt, but the fire department's apparatus did suffer two casualties: Ambulance 91 was totaled and Engine 3 was damaged.

As a result, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says the budget may take a blow to make up for the damage.

"The priority is public safety," says Stapczynski. "We're committed to running two ambulances (and keeping one spare) and we're going to do that."

Engine 3 is in Attleboro, Mass. where Greenwood Fire Apparatus will assess and repair the damage. Though it could take a few months before the engine is back in service, the fire department has a spare to fill its place. The real problem lies with the loss of an ambulance, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane.

Andover usually has three ambu-

lances to serve the town. Two run regularly, and one is kept as a spare. The department has consistently logged between 10 and 12 emergency calls a day, says Murnane, which is higher than in the past. Since calls always increase during the winter weather, it's a bad time to lose an ambulance, says Murnane.

"It really is not an option (to have only two ambulances)," says Murnane. "Any time one goes down, we don't have a spare. Ambulances go (into disrepair) quite often."

For now, an ambulance from North Andover will serve as a third vehicle for as long as North Andover can spare it.

"We're down to the minimum on apparatus," says Murnane. "Sooner or later (North Andover) is going to need (its ambulance). We can borrow it on a short-term basis."

While Murnane says the accident of two weeks ago was nobody's fault, it could cost the town approximately \$140,000 to replace the ambulance. The damage is still being assessed, but Stapczynski says it is unlikely that the

town will receive a settlement equal to the full value of the vehicle.

The cost will definitely put a "crimp" in the Capital Improvement Plan — a five-year projection including the town departments' needs — but it will not take away from any of the fire department's requests, such as new protective gear, says Stapczynski. The money for a replacement vehicle will come out of an emergency reserves fund.

"It wouldn't be at the expense of other fire-fighting priorities," he says. "That's why we have a reserve fund."

The town put aside \$200,000 in the budget last April for unforeseen incidents such as this, and not much of that reserve has been used to date, Stapczynski says. While he is sure the funds are available, Stapczynski says the fire department may have to wait for the money until it is approved by an April Town Meeting vote.

"These are the details we'll have to work out," he says. "The issue is, how soon can we get an ambulance? We haven't started exploring the options yet."



Photo by Tim Jean

Not coming back — Deputy Fire Chief Lincoln Clarke removes a backboard from an ambulance damaged in an accident. The town will be borrowing an ambulance from North Andover until it can buy a replacement, say officials.



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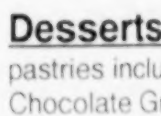


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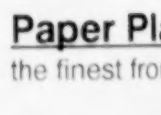


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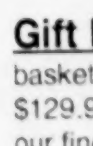


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Will town net 46-acre site?

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was once contaminated, he says.

"No matter how much investigation you do at this site, no one can ever say that there is never a risk to anything," Oldham says. "If you're going to put playing fields in, bring in enough clean fill so that someone who would have those concerns would put them aside."

In fact, Oldham is prepared to listen to only so much regarding the repeated safety concerns. He indicates that if Andover can't overcome its fears, then Reichhold is prepared to look elsewhere for a buyer.

"If people are concerned about that, they should voice their opinion and decide if they want to do this or not," Oldham says. "Reichhold has other opportunities to develop this property into other things. Nothing has been signed, nothing has been set in stone. If we can't get past those issues, we're not interested."

The town is serious about pur-

chasing the property, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Officials have hired a consulting firm to review CH2M Hill's reports, and the town could go even further to ensure the parcel's cleanliness, he says.

"I haven't taken the step to hire someone to do some independent sampling, but we could do that just to verify the (reports)," he says.

When the possibility of purchasing the Reichhold property was publicly announced three weeks ago, several residents expressed enthusiasm for the idea. Resident Chris Huntress of Tewksbury Street agrees that the town would certainly miss out if it didn't buy the property.

"It brings a significant portion of the riverfront property into conservation land," he says. Purchasing the land and turning it into open space would also prevent future development at the site - which he views as a way to avoid extra traffic in the already-congested Ballardvale area.



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Welcome sign? —Now that a site professional has declared the grounds usable, Andover officials must decide if they want to make a pass at buying the Lowell Junction land.

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New equipment, 1,000 tons of sand ready for first storm

Town's snow-plow drivers not only ready, but willing

By Rebecca Piro

Highway department employee Jeff Watson really likes winter.

In fact, he looks forward to the snowstorms and icy weather, because he'd rather be on the road, sanding the streets of Andover, than sitting at the town yard twiddling his thumbs.

To face Ol' Man Winter this year, Watson says he and the rest of the highway department crew have all they need, including a 20-foot-high sand pile that sits in the yard's driveway.

"There's about 1,000 tons right there," says Highway Superintendent John Canavan, gesturing to the sand pile from inside the highway headquarters — where the heat is turned on, mind you. A typical winter season will demand about 5,000 tons of sand, he adds.

"You can tell how bad the winter's going to be by a number of things," jokes Public Works Director Jack Petkus. "(By) the thickness of fur on a woolly caterpillar and the size of the sand pile in the town yard. And right now it does not look good."

Winter weather first showed its face to Andover when an ice storm covered most of Massachusetts on Sunday, Nov. 26. While many people huddled inside their

homes, town employees were on the road, says Canavan.

"We had the guys in on Sunday at 6 o'clock (a.m.). We were just waiting for it," he says.

During the winter, employees track storms all day on a computer inside headquarters, and they flip through news stations looking for the weather reports, says Canavan. A local weather service obligingly sends periodic reports to the town as well.

But it's still a tricky job, whether you're depending on the not-always-accurate weather reports, or actually maneuvering a 10-wheel sander down some of Andover's hills.

"There are 250 miles (of roadways) in Andover that have to be done, so it's pretty tough," says Canavan.

"It's really slippery once you get to a hilly area," adds Watson. "(The trucks) slide just as easily as a car."

Once the snow season has officially started, until the end of March employees can expect to be called into work to handle a surprise snowstorm at any time of day. But the right equipment makes the job much easier, Canavan says.

Two new loaders — which both carry and spread sand — are the department's



Photo by Tim Jean

Pile driver — Town yard workers say they're ready for winter's worst, thanks to new equipment and tons of sand.

pride and joy this winter. Each cost about \$120,000, says Petkus.

To clear the roads for the sand — and to handle this season's tallest drifts — the town owns somewhere in the vicinity of 25 plows of varying size.

"The equipment that we have is excel-

lent," says Watson, suddenly looking serious. "There's no fooling around. When it's time to go, it's time to go. It's a good-sized town and there's lots of stuff to do."

Asked whether he thinks it will be a bad winter, Watson grins.

"I hope so," he says.

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Tough decision on senior center may be needed

Those who want a senior center at Williams Hall are hoping for a happy New Year. That's because, some time near Jan. 1, seniors expect to receive a report from Butcher, Nolan & Briggs that could set them on the path to raising the money they need.

But, just in case the report tells them their Will Hall dream is highly unlikely to become a reality, those who want a new senior center should be considering alternative plans.

Butcher, Nolan & Briggs is the fundraising organization selected by the Friends of Andover Seniors to help it raise the more than \$4 million needed to turn Phillips Academy's Will Hall into Andover's next senior center.

The organization has been interviewing dozens of Andover's most well-connected members during the past month to gauge the support in town for the Will Hall project, and to see if the money can be raised by the quickly approaching deadlines mandated in the lease with Phillips.

If the fundraising group says the money can be raised by the deadlines, terrific.

The seniors groups should follow the fundraiser's advice on how to raise the money and, if Butcher, Nolan & Briggs are right, Andover will have some good news in 2001. Will Hall proponents will get the center they want, Andover seniors will have a new facility, and taxpayers will be saved another multi-million-dollar capital project.

But if the report shows that it will be nearly impossible for the Friends group that has raised less than \$1 million during the past four years to raise several million dollars during the next few months, Will Hall proponents should let the project go.

And town officials should encourage them to do so immediately.

If the current Will Hall option can not be done, it will not do any good to keep plugging away for several more fruitless months.

In fairness to all of the town's seniors, if the Will Hall option can't work, town officials and senior groups need to focus on other options. When seniors ranked the locations in town they found most desirable for a center, the land where the Andover Youth Foundation is planning a youth center ranked second to the Will Hall site.

If seniors are still interested in that site, their town and private committees need to begin working on that option promptly. A number of issues will need to be discussed if a dual facility that properly serves both the youth and senior population is to be built.



Photo by Tim Jean

The Sunrise Singers entertained a crowd on Sunday at the senior center's Sounds of the Season event.

LETTERS

He tells charity, change your giving ways, or no dollars

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The following letter was written to Timothy J. Schiavoni, chief executive officer, United Way of Merrimack Valley:

This is in response to a presentation recently made by two representatives of the United Way of Merrimack Valley (UW) to the faculty at West Middle School and to a follow-up letter which you wrote to Ms. Vicki Simms, principal of West Middle. During the presentation, the question was raised concerning the United Way's funding of two local councils of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in light of their stance on not admitting openly gay youth to Boy Scout troops.

Your presenters stated that any recipient of United Way funds has to sign a nondiscrimination statement, of which sexual orientation is a part. When they were questioned whether or not that meant that the local councils were going against the BSA national policy of excluding gay youth, the only response given was that a copy of the nondiscriminatory

policy of UW would be sent to the school. It has not yet arrived.

You then sent a letter to Ms. Simms stating in part: "The question that has been asked is whether the United Way of Merrimack Valley will continue to fund the Boy Scouts. The answer is yes: the United Way will fund two Boy Scout councils in its service area, and our Board has indicated we will continue to do that due to our commitment to provide services to children and youth."

I would be interested in your defense of that policy, as gay youth are certainly a significant portion of the youth in your service area – and yet you have a recipient organization (BSA) that has publicly stated and restated its exclusion of gay youth. This only reinforces in the mind of a gay youth that he is not welcomed into the BSA unless he continues to either hide his sexual orientation or lie about himself and stay in the closet.

I recently read an analogy concerning a gay youth's joining a Boy Scout

troop. The analogy involved a Jewish boy asking to join a Boy Scout troop sponsored by a Christian church. In the analogy he was told that of course he could join, as long as he didn't say or do anything to indicate that he was Jewish – certainly never wear his yarmulke to a troop meeting – and didn't tell anyone that he was Jewish. In a very short time, he would feel that there was something wrong with being Jewish.

In the same light, that is what the national policy of the BSA is saying to gay youth – in effect a continuation of the disastrous Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. According to the Samaritans, the attempted or actual suicide rate among gay youth is as much as 50 percent higher than among teens in general. Gay youth already experience feelings of depression, isolation, loneliness, and even harassment and derision for merely being themselves.

I speak, by the way, as a former Boy Scout leader for over 15 years. It is a fine program and espouses some

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Boy Scouts letter

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truly outstanding leadership development programs. I saw that first-hand in my work with helping over 17 boys attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

For the BSA to now, however, somehow construe the term "morally straight" in the Boy Scout oath to mean anti-gay, is ludicrous and surely must have Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting, "spinning in his grave" to quote his great-grandson. When Boy Scouting arrived in the United States in 1910, the term "straight" in opposition to "gay" was at least 60 years away.

In response to UW's policy that I could continue to contribute to UW, but deliberately specify that MY monies not go to the BSA, a friend who works in the offices of Boston's United Way of Massachusetts Bay has told me that while MY contribution might not go to the BSA, that would in no way

decrease the allotment of funds to the Boy Scouts. United Way would continue to fund the BSA at the requested level.

In my judgment, then, the only way to influence the United Way of Merrimack Valley's intention to continue to financially support the Boy Scout councils in its service area - which, if I understand correctly, goes against its own internal policy of not funding discriminatory organizations - would be to withhold any contribution to the United Way. That is what I intend to do and I am encouraging colleagues, family, and friends to do the same.

Leaving the door open, however, I would be interested in your defense of the United Way of Merrimack Valley's continued financial support of the Boy Scouts in light of its national policy of alienating and excluding gay youth from participating in its programs.

Michael J. Byrne
West Middle School
teacher

Eight is enough, when it comes to age of winter helpers

Editor, Townsman:

My name is Kristina Giangrande and I am 8-years-old. I would like to help my neighbors in need. So, I wrote to Lawrence Mayor Patricia Dowling and asked her if could help the needy. She said, yes, and that I could supply hats and gloves for the children who come to school without them so they can be warm in the winter.

My goal is to collect 1,000 sets of hats and gloves for kids in

preschool through eighth grade. This would mean we could help one-tenth of the kids that go to school in Lawrence.

I would like to know if you could help supply hats and gloves. If you can, you can reach me by calling 470-3269. Thank you for considering making a donation to this important project. It means a lot to me to help my neighbors in need. I hope you can help.

I hope you have a great holiday and that you'll be blessed with

God's love!

Kristina A. Giangrande
4 Sunset Rock Road

(Editor's note: Kristina and her mother, Karen A. Giangrande, have established a bank account entitled "Lawrence Hat and Mitten Project" at Andover Bank, 61 Main St., Andover. In addition, Kristina will be holding a bake sale to support her effort on Friday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. in front of Star Market, Route 28, North Reading.)

George Bush takes on arms

Editor, Townsman:

Enclosed is a picture thought I would send to you in hopes of making the paper.

We lived in Andover for five years and still subscribe to keep up on this wonderful town. We had to move due to a job transfer this past summer.

On a recent visit back to Andover, former resident Kevin McCarthy broke his arm. Local doctors Rick Sawyer and Eric Arvidson, who were wonderful to us, fixed him up nicely!

The next week, Kevin was lucky enough to have former President George Bush autograph the cast.

Audrey McCarthy
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At right, Kevin McCarthy gets his cast signed by former President George Bush.



Regional authority suggests two garages

Two new parking structures could lie in Andover's future.

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority board was scheduled to meet today, Thursday, at 9 a.m. in Haverhill to discuss possible improvements to train stations in Lawrence and Andover.

"(The MVRTA) is looking to see if we can make improvements (in Lawrence and Andover) that encourage ridership, improve parking facilities, and possibly increase the support services - like coffee shops or dry-cleaning services," says Steve Colyer, town planning director and MVRTA board member.

Two of the plans suggest parking

improvements in Andover - specifically, the construction of a two-deck parking garage on Railroad Street and a parking deck over the present town yard off Lewis Street. The *Townsman* went to press Wednesday at noon, before the details of the meeting were available.

While Andover has struggled with congested streets and limited parking for years, Colyer says it is important to keep in mind that the possible improvements could also have their downsides.

"If you build it, they will come," says Colyer. "If you add more spaces, you could be attracting more parking into the area and that might not be a good thing."

On the other hand, the town could look into purchasing an entire floor of the potential garage and designating those spaces for Andover residents only. There also might be a private property owner that would be willing to lease spaces to the MVRTA, adds Colyer.

"You have to see what opportunities you have there," he says. "It's got to be a very careful balance in adding parking capacity and looking at the traffic (it will draw) into the station."

Students from MIT who have studied the "triangle area," or the land between North Main Street, Essex Street and the Shawsheen River for the past few

months, have made similar suggestions in terms of parking improvements, says Colyer.

The students presented their final suggestions for the downtown area Wednesday night at the library, after *Townsman* press time.

Selectmen will have an opportunity to consider the plans at a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, Dec. 18. Though funding for the project will come from federal and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority grants, the selectmen will ultimately decide whether such parking is necessary.

"The T isn't going to do anything the town doesn't want it to do," says Colyer. "The town can pick and choose what it wants."

Summer school among options for those failing MCAS

By Adam Groff

At Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath and Superintendent Claudia Bach presented their preliminary analysis of Andover students' performance on the 2000 MCAS test and suggested possible remediation strategies for struggling students.

McGrath pointed to obvious successes, such as the fact that in every subject area, Andover students scored between 6 and 17 percentage points higher than the state average.

But she also focused on the troubling

issue of increased failure rates among tenth-grade students, who must pass the English and mathematics portions of the test to graduate in 2002.

This is the first year that educators have been able to do what is called a "cohort analysis," or tracking one class of students from one test to the next: the same students who took the eighth grade MCAS in 1998 took the 2000 MCAS as tenth-graders. This is considered a more useful comparison than simply comparing one grade over successive years.

The results in Andover for the class

of 2002 show a declining number of students in the "advanced" and "proficient" categories, and increasing number of students who are failing or in need of improvement. For example, although the percentage of students who were in the "advanced," or highest, category on the English language arts section increased from 10 to 12 percent from eighth to tenth grade, the percent in the "proficient" category dropped from 71 to 45 percent. Meanwhile, the percent in the "needs improvement" category rose from 16 to 31 percent, and the rate of failure increased from 3 to 13

percent.

"We need to find out what is happening here," said Bach. "What is this telling us about our kids that we need to know?"

An accompanying statistic was the shrinking size of the class, which had 461 students in 1998 but only 391 last year. Bach and McGrath said that this happens between middle school and high school when some students leave the public school system to attend private schools. Often, these students are

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System looks for MCAS solution

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high achievers.

The two student observers at the School Committee meeting, Senior Class President John Keaten and Student Body President Reed Donoghue, had some other ideas. "A lot of the rumors floating around school were that tenth-graders purposely blew off the test as a form of protest," said Keaten. "I heard a lot of people talking about how they had tests that day in their regular classes that they had to focus on," added Donoghue.

They also suggested that not trying very hard on the test may not have been so much a matter of organized political protest as simple adolescent apathy and rebelliousness. "Fourth-graders defer to authority more, so when teachers tell them to try hard on the test, they try hard," said Keaten. "Tenth-graders might do the opposite."

On the other hand, Donoghue said, "I think a lot of kids are also taking it more seriously, because they know it's do or die."

The school officials expect to form a clearer picture of what students thought about the test after receiving more complete reports from schools, based on student interviews and closer analysis of test results. Meanwhile, they are proposing remedial measures.

The first phase of remediation, according to McGrath, will happen in 2001 and is aimed primarily at tenth-grade students, for whom passing the test is most urgent. Andover High

School Principal Peter Anderson is launching a "principal's campaign" aimed at gathering information from last year's tenth-graders about their performance on the test. Bach and McGrath are also proposing after-school classes to teach test-taking strategies to those who failed the tenth-grade test. Because MCAS scores in Andover as a whole are not low enough to attract state remediation funds, said McGrath, parents would probably have to pay some money for the classes. A summer-school option is also being proposed.

The second phase of the remediation proposal, according to McGrath, is aimed at fiscal year 2002, and entails a volunteer tutoring program composed of people from the community who offer to donate tutoring services after school or on weekends to students in grades 8-11 who failed the English or math portions of the test. There is also a summer-school option being proposed for fiscal year 2003 for those who failed English or math in grades 7-10, and for those who scored in the lower third of the "needs improvement" category.

The last option is a possible course of directed study for students failing English or math, who are not enrolled in a regular English or math class in school.

"These are trial balloons," said McGrath of the remediation proposals. She urged the School Committee to give her feedback as soon as possible before the proposals enter the budget phase.

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Education

A closer look at West Elementary

21 languages, one goal

By Adam Groff

Though Andover is often thought of as a largely homogeneous suburb, at West Elementary School, one out of every 10 students does not speak English as his or her first language. In fact, a West El student's native language could be any one of 21 languages currently spoken by students at the school.

Meeting the needs of this diverse population is one of the chief concerns of parents and faculty at the school, according to the school council's School Improvement Plan.

While West students come from a variety of backgrounds — and West's 802 students make West the second-largest school in Andover, trailing only Andover High in size — the school council says there is a close sense of community

there. Principal Charlie Friel attributes this to several factors.

"We work hard to see that West is a place where students can learn," he says. "And we have high expectations for all students regardless of where they're from or what their ethnic background is."

At the beginning of each year, students themselves participate in drafting a set of rules of conduct to govern their classrooms. "Kids are just like anybody," said Friel, "they're more invested in something when they have a say in it."

An initiative that Friel says has brought together members of the diverse student body is the Open Circle Curriculum, developed by the Stone Center at Wellesley College and currently in use at all five



Photo by Tim Jean

Students work in Amelia Burns's fourth-grade class.

"Bullying is a problem in any school, I don't care where you go," he says.

So lessons in solving interpersonal problems and building positive relationships are taught twice a week for 15 to 20 minutes. Twenty teachers at West have been trained in the program and, more recently, four have undergone training to become mentors for other teachers new to the program.

Economic diversity

The diversity at West is not just ethnic, but economic as well. According to Friel, West is one of two schools in Andover that qualifies for Title I grants, which come from the state Department of Education, for students from low-income families. Friel says that five percent of families in the West district qualify as low-income. Title I services

Languages spoken at home in the West El. district & the number of students represented

Afrikaans (2)
Bengali (1)
Chinese (13)
Dutch (1)
Farsi (2)
German (2)
Greek (2)
Gujarati (1)
Hebrew (2)
Hungarian (1)
Ibo (1)
Italian (1)
Japanese (7)
Korean (6)
Mandarin Chinese (2)
Persian (1)
Russian (1)
Spanish (28)
Tamil (1)
Urdu (4)
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were provided to 133 students last school year, representing 15 percent of the student population.

"There is not just cultural diversity here, but also a wide diversity in terms of readiness

Andover High students named to first-term honor roll

The following students have been named to the Andover High School honor roll for the first term:

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SCHOOLTALK

The Merrimack Junior Theatre will hold auditions for its spring musical, *The Boyfriend*, tonight, Thursday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 8 from 6:40 to 9 p.m. at the Doherty Middle School auditorium.

Auditions are open to students in grades 7-10. Students are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue or poem and will sing the first few bars of *America*.

Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday, beginning Jan. 3, and the production will be held March 16-18.

For more information, call Corinne Gediman at 475-3422.

Boys and girls in grade 7 and older are invited to the AHS Band Room in the Collins Center tonight, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. to join the winter pro-

grams of the Division I champion AHS Marching Band.

Winterguard consists of flag twirling combined with dance steps performed to recorded music. Winter percussion is a group made up of all types of percussion instruments. No experience is necessary for either group (experience with an instrument, not necessarily percussion, is helpful for winter percussion). Both groups practice indoors and plan to participate in several competitions. The winter programs promise to be fun and a great way to make new friends. For more information (or if you're unable to attend Dec. 7), contact Brandon Psenicka, band director, at 623-8616, or Jen Boshar at 475-8913.

The Andover Band Associ-

ation announced that Sue and Mike Adams won the ski pass at the raffle that was drawn during the Thanksgiving Day football game.

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council's next meeting is Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a presentation by Sally O'Brien, program adviser for world languages. She will make a presentation on the curriculum revisions and other educational concerns for courses in the foreign languages, and will answer questions. The meeting will take place at the High School Media Center. All parents, as well as others interested in education are encouraged to attend.

Call Lois Karfunkel at 475-7985 or 470-0047.

The Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe opens its 2000-01 season with the tale of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. According to organizers, "Audiences of all ages will delight in the uplifting tale of the Cobblestones who have generous hearts, and the elves who help them."

Performances are Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. Performances will be held at the Mary Weld Center for the Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton. For ticket information and reservations, call the box office at (978) 468-2194.

Students involved in the production include Andover residents Aaron Nossiff in the role of Lockhart Cobblestone, and Eric Peikin as Mayor

Clankbottle.

The Andover Youth Council would like to help ensure that everyone has happy holidays. They are aware that there are Andover families who need help purchasing presents for their children this holiday season. AYC members will raise money during the next few weeks by hosting a concert Friday, Dec. 15 at Old Town Hall; collecting change at the High School; and soliciting for personal donations. According to Glenn Wilson, "We will take all the proceeds from these events and help out those we can. If you need help or would like to help us, call the Youth Council at 623-8242. All inquiries and requests will be kept confidential. Let's help those less fortunate."

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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 11-Dec. 15:

Elementary schools

Monday: Raviolis with salad, slice of pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, peaches, carrots, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Tuesday: Turkey dinner, hot dog with potato puffs, baked chicken nuggets, cranberry sauce, peas, milk, and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Two tacos with lettuce, tomato, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, apple sauce, peas, and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue chicken with potato, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, peas, corn, milk, and chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, cranberry sauce, carrots, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Raviolis with salad, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

Tuesday: Turkey dinner, hot dog with potato puffs, baked chicken nuggets, cranberry sauce, peas, milk, and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Two tacos with lettuce, tomato, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, apple sauce, peas, and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue chicken with potato, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, pears, corn, milk, and chocolate chip cookie.

Friday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, cranberry sauce, carrots, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken fajitas with rice, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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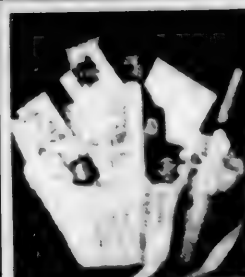
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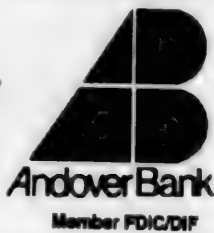


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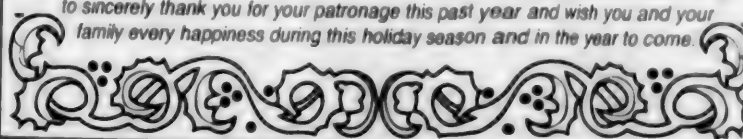
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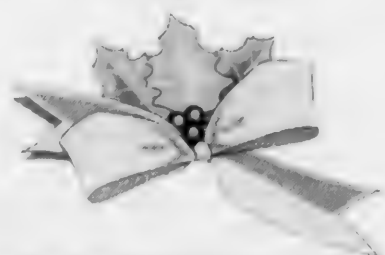
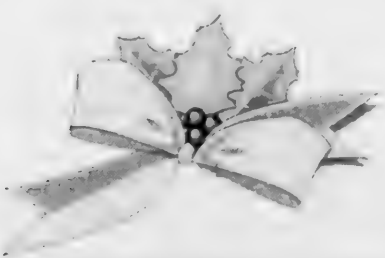
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Brown, Nicole Marie
Cail, Katherine Lindsay
Calderhead, Sean Mansfield
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Carroll, Brett Joseph
Chan, Julie Marie
Charlebois, Meghan Elizabeth
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Crawford, Dianna Catherine
Daniel, Andrea Brigit
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Fish, Meredith Lindsey
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National Honor Society inductees at AHS announced

The Andover High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 48 new members. These students are all in the top of their class, and were selected for outstanding leadership, scholarship, service, and character.

Former Andover High foreign language teacher Dr. James McCann spoke at the induction ceremony.

National Honor Society inductees are:

Jacqueline Barry, Michael Berger, Eleanor Browne, Katherine Buckley, Natasha Camilo, Tristina Carlson, Priscilla Chan, Karen Chang, Rachel Charron, Justin Crocker, Nicole Davis, Amy Durant, Laura Espy, Bethany Givens, Zachary Goldman, Laura Goldstein, Kathryn Goldthwaite, Rachel Gordon, Oliver Gregory, Robin Harold, Rebecca Hass, Stephen Hibino, Katilin Hill, Danielle Huntley, Aurora Jennings, Michelle Kalaw, Anna Kichorowsky, Michael Kleinman, Daniel Lentz, Julianne Marvin, Laura O'Donnell, Katilin O'Malley, Nick Pelletier, Meghan Penny, Stephanie Pierce, Nick Schade, Naomi Shin, Sharon Shue, Caitlin Simili, Shannon Sweeney, Amy Tang, Susan Teperow, Gina Tsai, Natalia Tsai, Diana Vining, Jeff Volinski, Meredith White, and Frank Yang.

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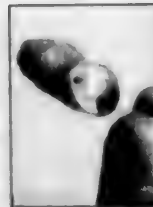
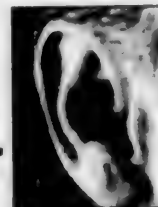
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News

With new rinks on way, Phillips hikes fees for ice time

By Rebecca Piro

Members of the Andover Skating Club and the Andover Hockey Association will someday reap the benefits of two new ice rinks at Phillips Academy.

But starting this season, they will also have to swallow higher prices for the cost of ice time — something that not everyone is taking lightly.

"The school is looking to change (the previous years' arrangements) and have us pay closer to what would be considered a market rate," says Skating Club President Ed Hunter. "The effect is, it's going to raise each member's fee."

For almost 40 years, Skating Club members have paid a reasonable annual fee to use Phillips Academy ice, says Hunter. But with PA jacking up the annual fee, many members may think twice about how much cash they are handing over to use what is essentially an outdoor rink.

The hike raises the annual price from \$60 per family to \$45 per person, says Martha Fenton, PA athletic director.

Next year, she says, the fee will be higher, as part of a plan to slowly bring renters to market-rate prices.

"We're trying to raise our renters into what will be the reality of the new rink," says Fenton. "In order to run the new rink without going deeply into the red, we need to change to market-rate prices."

With a project for two new hockey rinks underway, PA's rink operating will surely escalate — and that is something that Andover Hockey Association President Larry Lamagna expected.

"They're going to be building a brand-new facility, and to expect to pay (former prices) is unreasonable," he says. Not only did Lamagna willingly accept the higher rates for the Andover Hockey Association, he says he didn't blink when he wrote a check for his Skating Club membership as well.

"I'm a member of the Skating Club myself. I sent my check in three weeks ago," Lamagna says.

The increase is nothing to complain about, Lamagna adds, noting that even

with this year's hike, the ice is still much cheaper than that at any other rink.

"They're practically giving ice away over there," he says.

Hunter says he understands that the academy is growing and that it needs to break even with its costs for new construction and maintenance. But he is concerned that some members may be alarmed with the fee increase. "It will raise the cost for families," he says.

Hunter plans to hold a meeting with the Skating Club members on Saturday, Dec. 9, to discuss PA's fee hikes. He declined to comment further on the details of the changes until after the meeting, when members have a chance to discuss them amongst themselves. After that meeting, it will be clearer whether the club will accept the new fees or look for other options, he says.

It is possible that PA could eventually sponsor all of the community skating where the rink opens its doors to the public for a few hours a day, for a few dollars a person — if the Skating Club can't han-

dle the higher fees, says Fenton.

"It has struck a nerve with folks from the Skating Club, because all of a sudden it's not \$60 a family," Fenton says. "It could happen that we end up running the community skate through our facility."

That option, says Lamagna, might not be a bad idea.

"Why should I join the Skating Club if I can just pay a couple of bucks (during a community skate hour)?" he says. With public community skating, anyone could participate, not just members of the Skating Club, for which there is a waiting list anyway. "If you go to just public skating it will open the door to everybody in town," Lamagna adds.

Tana Sherman, Phillips public information director, says that the school will hire a rink manager after the rinks are built, and it is difficult to what might happen until that new management is in place. "Our key focus is to make sure that the community can use (the rinks), and to open (them) up to more of the community," she says.

Sen. Tucker files lengthy list of bills for next year's session

'Tis the season... for more legislation

By Adam Groff

Public-school libraries and household-waste collection centers are only two of the areas targeted by Sen. Susan Tucker in the list of bills she is filing on Wednesday for the next legislative session.

Tucker is filing more than a dozen bills, covering everything from declaring Valentine's Day as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day to finding ways to eliminate defects in schools' educational approaches.

"There are individual schools all over the state that are getting fantastic results on the MCAS, and they're performing way above their demographic expectations," she says. "We hear about them at press conferences and then they disappear. We aren't documenting their practices." For this reason, Tucker wants to borrow a learning tool from the corporate world known as "benchmarking best practices." Essentially, she wants to document the methods successful schools use to achieve superior results so that other schools can imitate them. This is what Tucker says she did when she was in the private sector.

Now, she wants to set up an institute for benchmarking the best educational practices in the state. She says it would be set up as a public/private partnership housed within the Department of Education, but governed by a 13-member board drawn from both the public and private sectors. The group's task would be to identify and disseminate successful processes and techniques for improving student performance. "Right now we're using MCAS results, because it's the only — well, not widely agreed-upon, but wide-

ly known performance measure," she says. "And I don't want this information just compiled in reports that then sit on a shelf — that's why I'm calling this an institute — it needs to be an intensive learning exercise from teacher to teacher and principal to principal."

Another of Tucker's legislative priorities in education this year is targeting funds for public-school libraries and media centers. This effort follows, she says, a major public hearing last year about school-library conditions around the state. "Some of our schools don't even have libraries," she says.

Therefore, she has put together a three-part proposal for rejuvenating school libraries, beginning with earmarking Chapter-70, state-education funds for library media centers. The proposal is timely, she says, because the current Chapter-70 funding formula is expiring and is currently being redrafted.

In addition, Tucker would set up a library grant program so schools could apply for additional monies designated for libraries.

The last part of her library program would establish professional staffing requirements for public-school libraries and media centers. The reason for this, explains Tucker, is that, "in our information age, these people are not just teachers of children anymore; they're teaching our teachers too."

Environmental agenda


On the environmental front, Tucker wants to help communities do more to appropriately dispose of household hazardous waste.

"I have over 12 lakes and ponds in my district where it's recommended that pregnant women not eat the fish because of mercury levels," she says. Currently, according to Tucker, the communities she represents have just two or three days per year during which they can bring hazardous household materials such as oil paint, solvents, and "a growing list" of mercury-containing products to a designated drop-off site for proper disposal.

"The collection days are popular," she says, "But it's not enough." She says that because of the infrequency and inconvenience of these collection days, many people pour toxic materials down the drain or put them in the trash, and so they wind up in landfills, incinerators, and water supplies.

"It is my feeling that every community should have disposal sites that are open at least one day a week and are local," she says. "We need to make it part of our whole mindset about trash and where things go."

Therefore, Tucker wants to establish permanent local household hazardous waste collection centers, paid, in part, by the state. In the past, she says, there have been efforts to establish regional collection centers, but they met with opposition because of reluctance on the part of the host communities to accept waste from surrounding communities. However, Tucker believes that communities would be more willing to take responsibility for their own waste. "This is extending what we do now, but making it more convenient," she says.



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Sen. Sue Tucker

Cash for centers

Tucker is proposing two more bills that are particularly timely for Andover residents. One provides for state assistance for senior center construction, and the other, which Tucker is co-sponsoring, makes operating grant money available to towns with youth programs.

"There are a number of entitlement communities that receive federal money for senior centers," says Tucker. "We feel that suburban communities are being left out." Her bill would provide matching grants for capital expenses such as land acquisition, design, and construction of senior centers.

The youth-program bill, on the other hand, provides money for ongoing operating costs.

Cancer study

Health (DPH).

Health Director Everett Penney explained that the DPH keeps a cancer registry that tracks the number of cases of each type of cancer in the state each year. The expected rate of cancer in individual communities is then determined based on community population, and the expected rate is then compared with the actual rate within communities. There are 22 types of cancer listed in the study.

From 1993 to 1997, 144 cases of breast cancer were recorded in Andover. The expected rate was just under 121, amounting to a rate in Andover 19 percent higher than expected. There were 58 observed cases of colon and rectal cancer among women, compared with an expected 43, and the rate of melanoma, or skin cancer, among men was 19 cases, compared with an expected 11.

"When we find a statistically significant deviation in excess of what was expected," explains Penney, "we start to look at intervention strategies. We know some causes associated with various risk factors. For example, he said in response to higher rates of melanoma, the town can work to alert people to the dangers of spending too much time exposed to direct sunlight, because it is known that exposure to the sun is linked to incidence of melanoma."

He pointed to an apparent success with regard to lung and bronchial cancer. The rate of this type of cancer in Andover is significantly lower than expected, at an observed rate of 81 cases in men and women compared with an expected rate of about 107. Penney believes that efforts in Andover to heighten awareness about

the dangers of smoking are a factor in this lower rate. In 1994, Andover outlawed smoking in public places.

Penney also says that this study as a whole compares favorably with the previous five-year study, from 1990 to 1995, in which rates in Andover were high to a statistically significant degree in five categories instead of three: in addition to breast and colon rectal cancer, brain, prostate, and testicular cancer rates were also high. Though Andover's cancer rates remain above the expected rate in each of these areas, the rates were lower in the most recent survey than they had been in the 1990 to 1995 survey.

In addition, lung cancer rates from 1990 to 1995 were lower than expected, but not to a statistically significant degree, as in the more recent study.

In the aggregate, from 1993 to 1997 the total rates of all types of cancer in Andover, at 729, were about the same as the total expected rates. In the ear-

lier study, however, the totals were about ten percent higher than expected.

Penney is aware that local environmentalists are concerned about high breast-cancer rates, but he declined to jump to conclusions.

"This data is often referred to by people who are concerned about the incinerators and other environmental triggers," he said. "The problem with doing that is that we don't know the actual causes of breast cancer, so it's hard to assign the environmental triggers to them. Breast cancer may be associated with environmental triggers, but the case for association between breast cancer and family history is much stronger. You have to be very careful that you don't unilaterally make an association between environmental factors in the community and cancer."



Everett Penney

Mini police station opens

By Rebecca Piro

Some new faces are moving into the neighborhood at Grandview Terrace No. 6.

Police officer Robin Cataldo has set up house at the three-room apartment where she and other officers hope to forge a stronger bond with the Memorial Circle community.

Starting today, Thursday, the apartment is a fully-operational police sub-station, a kind of field office where officers can file a report, make a phone call or chat with the neighbors. The station is open for business for the first time tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. "While at the sub-station, residents of the area have an opportunity to come in and talk to the officers, and discuss any problems that they might (have)," says Lt. Richard Enos. "We're trying to get a closer bond with the community itself so we can enhance that relationship."

Cataldo, who grew up in Memorial Circle, runs multiple programs out of the neighborhood already. "This was my pet project," she says. "I was brought up in Memorial Circle, so I kind of have a soft spot (for it)."

The apartment, which includes a kitchen, a bathroom and a common room, was donated by the Andover Housing Authority to the police department. While the sub-station will give the police a little extra elbow room, the residents

will benefit greatly from the police presence, says Housing Director Christine Metzemaekers. "It (will) make our seniors and families feel much more secure on a day-to-day basis," she says. "Because we have a large number of people located on a small acreage, you do have some disturbances and upsets. This would be one way to help curb some of that."

This police sub-station is the second in town. The other station is located at Brookside Estates in West Andover. Police hope to change the sites of the sub-stations every few years to get to know several areas of town, says Enos.

"After being at a particular area for a couple of years or so, we'll move onto another so that we can continue to foster a good relationship with the public," he says.

Officers will not staff the sub-station 24 hours a day, but will post a few hours every week.

"People can also call up the (main public safety center) and set up an appointment if they have a special issue," says Cataldo.

"An officer might only go there to have lunch, but it creates an opportunity for the public to drop in," adds Enos. Cataldo will hold a special meeting at the Grandview Terrace community building — one building down from apartment 6 — on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. to introduce residents to the concept of a sub-station.

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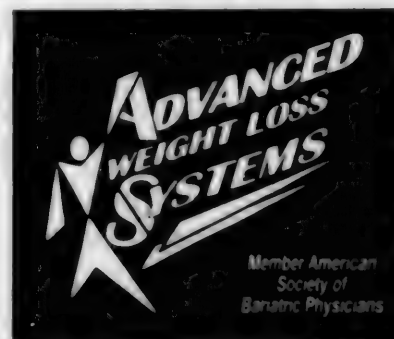
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Thursday, Nov. 30 - At 6:38 p.m., Peter White, 31, of 40 Powderhouse Extension, Medford, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class A substance and hypodermic needle, driving after his right to drive was suspended, driving after his license plates had been revoked and driving without insurance. Also arrested was Jason Banning, 27, of 507 Main St., Melrose, who was charged with illegal possession of a Class A substance and a hypodermic needle.

Friday, Dec. 1 - At 4:47 p.m., John Ryan, 35, of 73 Aldrich Road, Wilmington, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of illegal possession of a Class B substance, intent to distribute that substance and illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Saturday, Dec. 2 - At 2:06 p.m., William Sheridan, 48, of 84 Poor St., was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was suspended, driving without an inspection sticker and failing to display his license plates.

At 5:59 p.m., Jerry Dananberg, 46, of 56 Walnut St., Winsted, Conn., was arrested and charged on a warrant for illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - At 4:07 a.m., Erik Gath, 19, of 66 Pike St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 4:24 p.m., a caller from Radio Shack reported that there were kids on motor scooters in the parking lot. The caller was concerned they might get hit by a car. An officer asked the kids to be careful.

Monday, Dec. 4 - At 2:06 p.m., a female reported that she would like to speak with an officer regarding harassment by her ex-husband.

At 5:10 p.m., a resident reported that her son had been assaulted at a friend's house. Police determined that the son had been slapped by the friend's grandmother for sticking out his tongue. There were no marks on

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POLICE LOG

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Tuesday, Dec. 5 - At 1:06 p.m., a Tucker Road resident reported that she thought she heard someone hunting in the woods.

At 9:39 p.m., a Buxton Court resident reported that a person he had hired to work on his roof had threatened him.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 12:50 p.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported that she had just been robbed by two

individuals. Police searched the neighborhood with no results.

At 2:55 p.m., an employee at Athlete's Corner reported a possible shoplifter. Police searched the area with no results.

At 4:17 p.m., a Brookfield Road resident reported that half the Christmas lights she had placed on her bushes were missing.

At 4:26 p.m., a female reported that her pocketbook had been stolen out of her car while she was parked at Letourneau's Pharmacy.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - At 7:54 a.m., a Highland Road resident reported that his Christmas reindeer decoration had been stolen out of his front yard.

At 8:15 a.m., an employee from the Andover Country Club reported that flags and other miscellaneous items had been stolen from the golf course.

At 4:41 p.m., a person reported that two cell phones had been stolen from his vehicle at Market Basket.

At 5:33 p.m., a Grill 93 employee reported that someone had left the restaurant without paying for their food.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 5:01 p.m., a female reported that she hit a dog on Tewksbury Street. The owner was contacted and picked up the dog, which was still alive.

Friday, Dec. 1 - At 6:14 p.m., a female reported that her vehicle was broken into while parked for the train on Railroad Street.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - At 12:23 p.m., a male reported that the passenger-side window of his vehicle was smashed at the Ninety-Nine restaurant, and his wife's purse was missing from the front seat.

Monday, Dec. 4 - At 4:27 p.m., a caller reported that he had hit a deer on Haggetts Pond Road. The deer ran away from the scene.

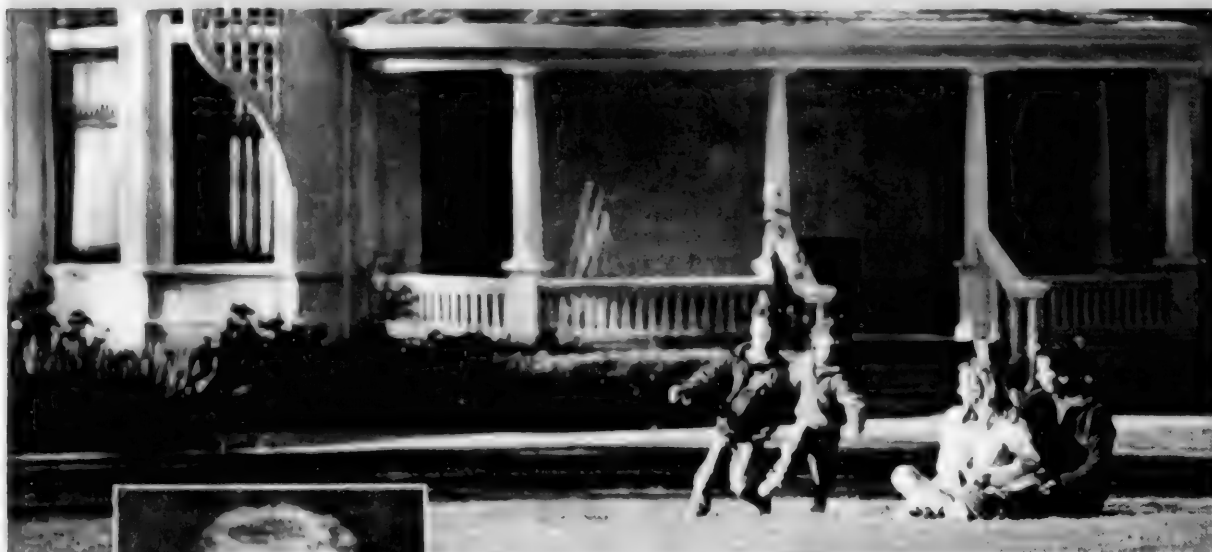
At 5:48 p.m., police were notified that a deer had been struck by a car on Route 125. The deer had been hit several times.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - At 3:18 p.m., a person received a minor injury from an accident that occurred at the on-ramp to Interstate 93 North off River Road, according to state police.

VANDALISM

One case of vandalism was reported this week.



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E. coli in brook

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ducted regular testing of town groundwater. The levels brought to Penney's attention could be evidence of a septic or sewer problem, he says.

Rogers Brook runs from the Phillips Academy bird sanctuary through the downtown, and empties into the Shawsheen River by Dundee Park. A good part of the brook runs underground, says Penney.

The brook has tested positive for high *E. coli* counts in the past. In 1999 DPW found levels as high as 6,000 coming from a public housing complex on Morton Street. The problem was traced to a failed pumping station and a broken sewer line, which was repaired. The readings returned to normal almost immediately, says Penney.

"The counts dropped dramatically, to less than 100," he says. "You're always going to have some contamination, from run-off, Canadian geese (droppings) and dogs."

But when Penney saw the

reports from samples taken this summer, he knew that the new, higher levels of contamination were coming from a much bigger problem than animals.

"Low and behold, we found areas in the downtown area that were still showing high levels of contamination - 40, 50, and 60,000," says Penney. "When (the numbers are that high), that indicates some kind of contamination from somebody's sewer, or direct discharge from somebody's toilet."

To date, DPW has traced the problem to the downtown area near Andover Bank. But that doesn't mean that the bank is the source, says Penney. The counts could simply indicate that area where a pipe happened to break, or that an old pipe is dumping its contents there.

"The plan is to continue to trace back the lines to identify the actual source of where it's coming from," he says.

It is too soon to guess how the town will correct the problem once the source is identified, Penney says. Until then, he advises that people stay away from the brook where it runs above ground, because exposure to such high levels of the bacteria can be harmful to people.



Photo by Tim Jean

Dirty water — Rogers Brook, near the fields behind Doherty School.

Needs outlined School councils reporting

According to Bancroft's recent school council report the seating in Bancroft's library consists of the same four tables with benches that were bolted to the floor in far-flung corners of the room when the school was built in 1969.

Parent presenter Kathleen O'Brien said that when the librarian leads a class in a research or

other project, the students must sit on the floor. This situation is particularly awkward, she said, when trying to teach students about new media technologies. Furthermore, the structural integrity of the library shelving has been compromised by being assembled and reassembled over the years as carpet has been replaced.

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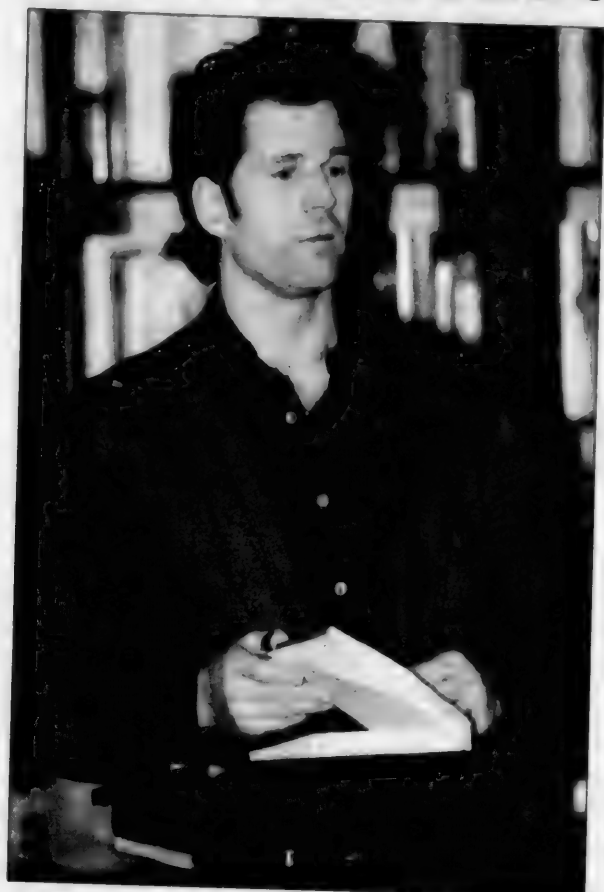


Photo by Tim Jean

Andre Dubus III, author of the bestselling book *House of Sand and Fog*, at Andover Bookstore last Friday night.

By Judy Wakefield

Like the fire that crackled in a nearby fireplace, author Andre Dubus III seemed warm, yet colorful Friday night, and quite capable of creating the fiery emotions of the characters in his bestselling book, *House of Sand and Fog*.

Dubus was at Andover Bookstore last Friday night, where more than 50 people crammed around the fireplace and second-floor balcony to hear him read from the book.

His colorful, down-to-earth side appeared when his 18-year-old sister, Cadence Dubus of Andover, asked him to sign her stomach instead of a copy of the book. He did, laughing loudly as his black-penned signature covered her belly.

She said she has not yet read the book and has no plans to do so until "all the hype dies down."

"He's my brother, so I see a lot of family come through in his characters," Cadence said. "I'll read it when nobody else is (reading it)."

The book may be fictional, but the key characters were inspired by people in Dubus's life. That was what the Andover crowd wanted to talk about.

To them, the literary success seemed most important, not the celebrity side of *House of Sand and Fog*. The book is the holiday pick for Oprah's Book Club, which means bigger royalty checks than Dubus ever imagined.

But recovering alcoholic, addict, and professional house-and-office cleaner Kathy Nicolo led this question-and-answer book discussion.

Nicolo is a lead character in the book. Her house mistakenly goes to auction and is bought by Colonel Massoud Amir Behrani, once a powerful and respected officer in the Shah of Iran's air force. Nicolo enlists the help of a deputy sheriff and they become obsessed with seeking justice by whatever means possible, setting off a collision course between the two sides.

Everyone wanted to know how Dubus knew so much about an addict's psyche and how he came up with the unusual setting for the book.

He said he fell in love with an Iranian girl when he was a freshman in college.

"It was a very young, crush kind of thing. I loved her culture, her (Farsi) language, and I was absorbed by osmosis," said Dubus,

41.

Later, when attending college in Austin, Texas, he heard an Iranian man was looking for English lessons. Dubus cut a deal. Dubus would teach English if the Iranian would teach him Farsi.

The off-beat language course met every Wednesday night for about a year in an Austin beer garden.

"I am not fluent, but I am conversational in Farsi. Although, this guy was kind of a 'Bobby DeNiro-of-Iran' character. So he knows street-tough Farsi," Dubus said.

As for the intense development of Nicolo's character, Dubus again drew on his real-life experience. He said he has been in love with addicts, worked in social services, including a halfway house, and has "always had a respect for suffering."

In addition, he called himself "easily addicted," but quickly added exercise leads his current addiction list. He runs every day and is fanatical about daily push-ups.

As for Dubus fans, some indicated that they became addicted to *House of Sand and Fog*.

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HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

Andover Choral Society presents annual community Messiah sing

On Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Andover Choral Society (ACS) will present its seventh annual Community Messiah Sing at the First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover. This annual event provides a holiday opportunity for members of the community to join together with the members of the choral society in presenting, in an informal setting, the beloved Christmas sections of the *Messiah* along with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Singers will be joined by prominent and up-and-coming soloists from the Boston area. Leonard Ciampa will be the organist.

Anyone with a love of Christmas musical traditions is invited, especially families. Persons having *Messiah* scores are encouraged to bring them, but scores will be available at the door. While there is no admission charge, a \$5 donation is suggested.

The Andover Choral Society is conducted by Allen Combs, music director. Now in his 11th season as music director, Combs teaches voice at Phillips Academy and is a professional soloist.

ACS is a not-for-profit organization established more than 71 years ago by J. Everett Collins. The group is currently preparing a concert of choral works by Franz Josef Haydn to be given on Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. at the First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover.

For more information, call 687-8225.

PA's 'Messiah' performance to benefit Neighbors in Need, American Red Cross

The Phillips Academy music department will sponsor its 13th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio *Messiah* tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. This concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a food pantry in the Merrimack



The Phillips Academy music department's 13th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*. There will be two special guests as soloists: soprano Elizabeth Canterbury of Andover, a 1993 PA graduate, and baritone Marcus DeLoach, a 1992 Andover High graduate.

Valley, and it will also support the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. The program, under the direction of William Thomas, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the school campus, 180 Main St. The public is invited to support this benefit. General admission is \$5; senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made to the Phillips Academy music department by calling (978) 749-4995; or e-mail the department at <music@andover.edu>.

This year Phillips Academy has two special guests as soloists: soprano Elizabeth Canterbury, a 1993 Phillips Academy graduate and Andover resident, and baritone Marcus DeLoach, a 1992 graduate of Andover High School.

Elizabeth Canterbury is equally comfortable on the opera, recital, oratorio and musical theatre stages. This past year she has performed the roles of Belinda in Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas*, Jenny Diver in Britten's version of *The Beggar's Opera* and Donna Anna in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. She has sung the soprano solos in Schubert's *Mass in E-flat* and Handel's *Messiah* and performed in a number of recitals of operatic, art song and Baroque repertoire. A June graduate of the Longy School of Music with a master of music in opera performance, Canterbury was commencement soloist as well as student graduation speaker. This

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house, Andover Historical Society, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Auditions, *The Boyfriend*, Merrimack Junior Theatre, for students in grades 7-10, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School auditorium; Corinne Godman 475-3422.

Noises Off, Off Broadway Players of UMass Lowell, 8 p.m., \$6,

Mahoney Auditorium, 870 Wilder St., Lowell; (978) 934-5024.

A Night of 45's and Fun, 6 p.m., \$10, benefits Ruth's House Inc., Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill.

Open house, Family Service Inc., 4-7 p.m., 430 North Canal St., Lawrence; Karen Poirier 683-9506, Ext. 14.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road,

Andover; (888) 865-2844.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8
A Midsummer Night's Dream, by West Middle School eighth-graders, 7 p.m., \$6-\$8, West Middle School auditorium; Lynn Willey 681-8321.

Holiday open house, Andover Center Association, 6-9 p.m., downtown; Tom Keefe 475-7872.

Messiah, 7 p.m., \$5, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 475-

4265.
Tree lighting, pizza event, 6:30-9 p.m., \$20 per non-member families, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; Elizabeth Payne 725-6681.

A Christmas Carol, Northern Essex Community College faculty, staff, and students, 7 p.m., \$10, \$7 students, children, seniors, Top Notch Theater, Haverhill campus; (978) 556-3723.

MSPCA's The Night the Animals Talked,

6:30 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Tot Shabbat, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1563.

Reading, book signing, with Vincent Rocio of *Reel Racism*, 8 p.m., Bernstein Bookstore, 468 Essex St., Lawrence; Julie Filapek 688-3569.

Hearing screening, 1:30 p.m., Marland

Place, community room, Stevens Street.

Holiday concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m., \$15-18, Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650.

Holiday Open Sing of Handel's Messiah, by Coro Stella Maris, 8 p.m., \$5, children under 12 free, Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Ave., Gloucester; Gretchen Longwell (978) 281-8808.

NOBO Show (North of

Boston nationally recognized artists), 6-10 p.m., Fox Brothers Furniture Studio, 39 Liberty St., Newburyport; (978) 462-7726.

Holiday art show, sale, Andovers Artists Guild, 3-8 p.m., artists reception from 6:30-8 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover.

Don't Dress for Dinner, the Quannapowitt Players Inc. featuring Ron Wackowski of Andover, 8 p.m., 55 Hopkins St., Reading; (781) 942-2212.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Mark Scalia, John Joyce, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Angel Salazar, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Auditions, *The Boyfriend*, Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Dec. 7 entry.

Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house, see Dec. 7 entry.

Noises Off, see Dec. 7 entry.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Family Day celebration, scavenger hunts, period games, music, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

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summer she performed at the Mannes Bach Institute in New York and Tanglewood's Silk Road Workshop, a festival premiering the work of international composers from the Middle East, Central Asia, and China. She will appear in January with pianist Noriko Yasuda to sing a recital of Poulenc, Barber, Brahms and Britten at Phillips Academy.

Marcus DeLoach was unanimously voted the first-place winner of London's first-ever Wigmore Hall International Song Competition in 1997. As part of the honor he gave a critically acclaimed recital debut in January 1999 at the Wigmore Hall with his pianist and collaborator Thomas Bagwell. This coming year they will perform a debut recital in Paris at Cité de la Musique. DeLoach has appeared four times on the Marilyn Horne Foundation and WQXR's radio series *On Wings of Song*. One of the concerts received high praise for DeLoach from Anthony Tommasini of *The New York Times*.

DeLoach recently appeared at the Boston Lyric Opera, the Nashville Opera Association, the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera, the Santa Barbara Grand Opera and debuted this past spring at the New York City Opera in *Carmen*, *The Mother of Us All*, and *Tosca*. This past summer DeLoach performed at the San Francisco Opera Center's Merola program in *Die Fledermaus* and is now appearing in the New York City Opera's fall season in performances of *Rigoletto*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Roberto Devereux*. In 1996 DeLoach was awarded the distinguished Gaddes Fund Grant, which culminated in creating the role of the Son in the world premiere of Paul Schonfield's *The Merchant and the Pauper*.

A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, DeLoach has given critically acclaimed performances at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall with pianist Martin Katz and the Borromeo String Quartet as part of the

"Chamber Music Society Two" young artist development program. He has also received grants from the Opera Index, Albanese-Puccini, Liederkrantz and George London Foundations, and from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

The Phillips Academy Community Chorus is made up of faculty, students and staff of the Academy and singing friends from throughout the Merrimack Valley and Boston areas. The Academy Chamber Players are students, faculty and staff of the Academy and other professional musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston, and North Shore areas.

The food pantry Neighbors in Need prepares meals-in-a-bag to be distributed daily at different locations throughout the Merrimack Valley area. The group's main objective is to respect each person and share what has been given. The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization, is led by volunteers and provides relief to victims of disasters. It helps people to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Merrimack Valley String Orchestra to present holiday concert

The Merrimack Valley String Orchestra, under the direction of Joy Schuetze, will present its annual holiday concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 15 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Featured soloists on this concert will be Faith Johnston and Carla Stein, violins, and Benjamin Leslie, cello, in a performance of Corelli's *Christmas Concerto, Op. 6, No. 8*.

The MVSO Junior, Senior, and Chamber Orchestras, plus the Advanced Cello Ensemble will perform a variety of favorite Christmas and Hanukkah selections as well as arrangements of Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*.

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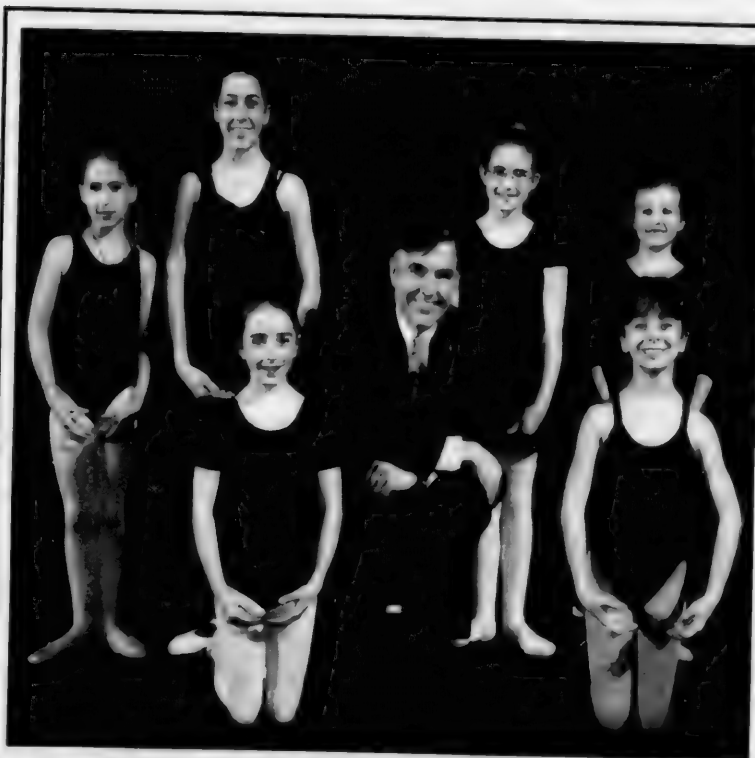
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Emerson Majestic Theater in Boston beginning today, through Dec. 30. "Attending the Ballet Theater's production of the *Nutcracker* is not only a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, but also an opportunity to engage schoolchildren in the arts," said Meehan. With him, standing from left, are Meghan Richard, Meghan O'Donnell, Madeline Cunningham and Stephanie Twomey; kneeling are Mary Keogh, Congressman Meehan and Taylor Gallagher. For information on Jose Mateo's Ballet Theatre's production of the *Nutcracker*, call (617) 354-7467.

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NECS Holiday Concert

The New England Classical Singers with David Hodgkins, artistic director, will present an NECS Holiday Concert this Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

The concert features Mozart's *Litaniae Lauretanae, K109*, with guest soloists Sarah Pelletier, Amy Schneider, Brad Peloquin, and David Giuliano, Kenneth Seitz's *Voices of Remembrance*, and William Grant



NECS Holiday Concert — New England Classical Singers, with David Hodgkins, artistic director, will perform Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. Tickets are \$10 for seniors and students, \$15 for adults, and may be purchased at the door or by calling 474-6090.

Still's *Christmas in the Western World*.

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Neighbors in Need hosts benefit concert

Neighbors in Need will present several well-known artists at a benefit concert titled "Jubilee Christmas Concert" at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen, this Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

The choir of St. Matthew's Church in Windham, N.H., led by Kathleen MacLean, will be featured along with organist Thomas Walters, Carolyn DeSchuyter on flute, Lila Bailey on keyboard; violinist Grace Cotton, and pianist Vicky Moore. Vocal soloists will be Amanda Koba and Msgr. Donald Gilbert, pastor of St. Matthew's.

Neighbors in Need, directed by Rejeanne Keeley, is an emergency food program serving over 400 families a week in the greater Lawrence area.

Tickets for "Jubilee Christmas Concert" are \$10 and available by calling the Neighbors In Need office at 685-8321.

Concert at St. Robert's

St. Robert Bellarmine Church's adult choir, folk group, and children's choir are hosting a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.

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HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

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Refreshments will follow the performance.

Christmas concert slated

Get into the holiday spirit with Christmas Concert 2000, an afternoon of gala holiday and festive music hosted by North Andover Trinitarian Congregational Church. The holiday concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. in the church, 72 Elm St., North Andover.

Music will be provided by the

church's three choirs: Senior and Junior Vocal, and Handbell. A variety of solos, duets and quartets will also perform.

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House of Sand and Fog

"I was just blown away by the story," said one listener while several heads nodded in agreement. Marjorie Miranda of Methuen found the story so compelling that she read the book in a day.

Dubus was sincerely flattered by the compliments and it's no wonder since he said the book "took three years and 22 notebooks to write."

"I spent a year typing it," he said, while showing his slow, two-finger style.

Dubus does his best writing in solitude, so he would have to leave the family home in Newburyport to write. Married to Fontaine Dallas, a choreographer and dancer, Dubus has three young children who are

Photo by Tim Jean

A packed 'House' — Andre Dubus III discusses his characters at Andover Bookstore. ▶

now 3, 5, and 7.

Dubus would leave the house around 6 a.m., stop for coffee and spend the next 90 minutes parked in a cemetery, sipping java and writing the book. Then, he would head to his construction job or his teaching job.

All the while, he just hoped that the book would be

taken seriously. It has been; last year it was named a finalist for the 1999 National Book Award for Fiction.



The Big O

Eventually, Friday's discussion turned to Oprah and the impact of making her red-hot book list. Dubus' publisher, Vintage, has printed 850,000 additional copies of the book since Oprah gushed over it when she selected it publicly on Nov. 16 on her TV show. Vintage had already sold 140,000 copies of the book and considered it one of their most successful books of the year before Oprah jumped on board.

Dubus, who teaches in Emerson's College's master's in writing program, and at Tufts University, set a typical, real-life scene as he retold his Oprah phone call:

"I was making pasta, drinking a glass of Merlot, and grating cheese.

"My wife was reupholstering a chair to make some extra money. She gets about \$50 a chair. The phone rang and it was a woman named Alice with a Midwestern accent. She said Oprah was on a plane and her phone wasn't working so she was calling me. I said, 'You have got to be sh— me and she said, 'No, I am not sh— you.' I hung up, went to tell my wife, thinking I have, like, a million dollars. She said 'no way,' and then she hugged me like she has never hugged me before," Dubus said.

On Jan. 11 he heads to Chicago to tape the Oprah segment where a selected group of readers will discuss his book. The show is expected to air Jan. 17.

Juliet Mofford of Andover Bookstore agreed that Dubus' visit was a coup and she was thrilled with his appearance. His late father, Andre Dubus, a widely recognized master of short fiction, also did readings at Andover Bookstore, and members of the Dubus family live in Andover. So there has always been an Andover connection to the Dubus family, she said.

"We called him in August and offered two dates for a signing, one in September and this one," she said.

She had no idea his appearance would come just two weeks after his Oprah selection.

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Living

Ready, Set, Go! participants learn to have fun by doing

By Jennifer Lappin

A new program in town, Ready, Set, Go! is set to help young Andover children with physical disabilities enjoy the same type of recreational activities as their classmates.

Children with physical disabilities may face more than just physical barriers while trying to integrate into everyday life, say some involved with the program.

"Sometimes a child with a disability enrolls in a mainstream after-school program, and they don't necessarily have the social or recreational skills to play in the activities that are offered. So we're trying to teach them those skills, to make friends, or to keep friends. Or, for example, to teach them balance if they use crutches so that they can participate in a soccer game," says Molly Robinson, director of the after-school programs.

Ready, Set, Go! is an Easter Seals pilot program for ages 6 to 13. It kicked off Oct. 16 at Doherty Middle School, and Robinson says the program does not have quite as many enrollees as she expected.

"We wanted to make sure there was a need [for Ready, Set, Go!], and we heard there was a great need in Andover. We're actually kind of confused as to why we haven't had a greater response."

Program leader Beth Dabek says, "The kids kind of run with it (the program). Being a new program for us and for them, everyone settled in really quickly and that was a pleasant surprise."

Last week, Ready, Set, Go! introduced hand cycles to its three participants.

Northeast Passage, a non-profit organization from New Hampshire, provided the cycles, which are hybrids between bicycles and wheelchairs. In other words, they are bikes that kids "pedal" with their hands.

"We have one child who is blind and said that she felt like she was flying because she was using her arms to make herself move," says Robinson.

Ready, Set, Go! also assists the parents in locating leisure activities for their entire family. For instance, because Harold Parker State Forest has hand cycles available for navigation along the paths, Ready, Set, Go! participants will be ready to go to the state forest in Andover for an afternoon of family fun.



◀ Ready, Set, Go! participant Katie Clancy, on the handcycle, is encouraged by (counterclockwise) David Lee of Northeast Passage; volunteers from Phillips Academy Ashley May (in back) and Alida Payson (at far left); and Veronica Ionkoff, a Ready, Set, Go! program assistant.

Photo by Beth Dabek

ing to do is to be able to continue until we work ourselves out of a job, so that our students don't need us anymore," she says.

Ready, Set, Go! is funded by Easter Seals and the parents of the participants. Robinson explained that, "the program is based on a sliding fee scale and that (it) never turns anyone away."

Residents interested joining the Ready, Set, Go! Program can contact Molly Robinson or Beth Dabek at (781) 622-1433, or <www.easterseals.org>.

BIRTHS

DONAHUE - A daughter, Julia Ann Donahue, born to Bettyanna (LoGrasso) and Derek Stephen Donahue of Stinson Road on Nov. 8 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Elaine Donahue of Salisbury and George and Joanne LoGrasso of Everett.

FLANAGAN - A daughter, Caela Anne Flanagan, born to Miceal and Pauline Flanagan of Andover, on Nov. 3 at Beth Israel Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shapiro of Norwich, Conn., and Mona Flanagan of Cavan, Ireland. Caela joins Sylvie, 4.

GAVEL - A son, Joseph John Scott Gavel, born to Pamela (Couture) and Joseph Scott Gavel Jr. of Greenwood Road on Nov. 10 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Pennie Couture of Andover and Sandra and Joseph Scott Sr. of North Andover. Joseph

joins Mary Catherine and P.J.

HALL - A daughter, Caroline Frances Hall, born to Mary J. (McGray) and Eric J. Hall of Tucker Road on Oct. 27 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. Grandparents are Carolyn Higgins McGray of Peabody and Mary Havey and Robert Hall of Orono, Maine and Winthrop. Caroline joins Katherine, 2.

HART - A daughter, Elizabeth Danielle Hart, born to Terry and Jessica Goodwin Hart of Princeton on Aug. 27 at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. Grandparents are Robert and Gwendolyn Goodwin of Andover. Elizabeth joins Olivia, 2½.

HUGHES - A son, Michael Keighley Hughes, born to Tara Coppola and Robert M. Hughes, Jr. of North Andover on Nov. 16 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Peg Hughes of

Andover and Sandra Coppola of Methuen.

KEEVES - A son, Matthew Shamus Keeses, born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keeses of Newbury on Oct. 15 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Himber of Andover.

LANDRY - A daughter, Madison Frances Landry, born to Jaime (Heller) and Brian Landry of North Andover on Nov. 7 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Patti Landry and Paul and Barbara Heller, all of Andover.

LYONS - A daughter, Grace Catherine Lyons, born to Caroline (Faircloth) and John Francis Lyons III, of York Street on Aug. 23 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are John F. Lyons Jr. of North Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Faircloth of West Palm Beach, Fla. Great-grandmothers are Ruby

Irwin of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Mrs. Dean Faircloth of Black Mountain, N.C. Grace joins Anne, 3.

MARTIN - A daughter, Samantha Delaney Martin, born to Laurie (Rittershaus) and Steve Martin of Andover on Oct. 26 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are H. Francis and Joyce Rittershaus of Andover and Herman and Angie Martin of Bristol, R.I. Great-grandparents are Maurice and Mary Needham of Andover.

MILLEY - A daughter, Ambrielle Elizabeth Milley, born to Lisa (O'Brien) and Steven Milley of Elm Street on Dec. 1 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Robert O'Brien of Derry, N.H. Ambrielle joins Jessica, Carolyn, Caitlin, and Zachary.

NIKOLOPOULOS - A daughter, Valerie Marina Nikolopoulos, born to Jim and

Angela Nikolopoulos of Rutgers Road on Sept. 28 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are George and Betsy Carras of Andover and Athanasios and Eugenia Nikolopoulos of Roslindale.

PECHINSKY - A son, Eric Romano Pechinsky, born to Karen and Frank Pechinsky of Andover on Oct. 4 at North Shore Birth Center. Grandparents are Pat and Dave Romano and Sandra and Frank Pechinsky, all of Peabody.

RICHARDSON - A son, Robert Karl Richardson, born to Julie (Pelliccione) and Karl Robert Richardson of Methuen on Oct. 28 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelliccione of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson of Manchester, N.H.

World of languages at West

to learn," he says. "Some of our students come from preschool, some don't. Some come from schools that had no books. But these students are no less motivated and have no less desire to learn than the others."

Peter Otis, West's full-time teacher of English as a second language (ESL), says that the best predictor of how well students will learn a second language is how competent they are in their native language. If students are not at an age-appropriate literacy level in their native language, and then they try to learn English, it will be an uphill battle, says Otis, who spent time teaching ESL in low-income neighborhoods before coming to West. For the most part, his job is much easier now, he says.

"The reason I like the job is

that these kids leapfrog," he says, meaning that he gets to see extremely rapid progress as his young students absorb the new language, often at a much faster rate than their parents.

As an example, he points to second-grade student Montserrat Familiar, who moved to Andover from Mexico City just a few months ago. "The first week she was here, we probably spoke Spanish about 90 percent of the time," says Otis. "Now, after about three months, I'd say we speak English 75 percent of the time."

Otis helped "Montse" with her class's current assignment, which was for each student to write about his or her family. Bright-eyed, serious, yet giggly, Montse bent over her paper and printed, "My family came to Andover and left Mexico. Marisol is my sister and we play on the monkey bars."

"This is second-grade-level work," says Otis approvingly.

Although he says Montse is above-average, Otis says that all students at West who are learning English for the first time receive a great deal of encouragement, from their fellow students as well as their teachers. "The other kids really embrace them and support them," says Otis.

On average, he says it takes about a year and a half of receiving separate assistance from an ESL teacher before students who do not know any English, but are competent in their native languages, can perform unassisted in the classroom.

"Two to two-and-a-half years is the max," he says. "This is out of need, and it's their job."

Fluctuations

In addition to diversity, West also has also a high turnover rate. As much as 10 percent of the student body each year is departing or arriving. Friel says both the turnover and the ethnic diversity at the school are partly due to the high proportion of renters in the district. The high turnover rate also causes the size of the student body to fluctuate. In recent years, according to Friel, the population at the school has ranged from 700 to almost 1,100, making West, during certain years, one of the largest elementary schools in the state.

— Adam Groff

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Family Day and Open House at the Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society will host "Winter Traditions and Holiday Customs" Dec. 6 to 9. Visitors are invited to the 1819 Amos Blanchard House to experience multicultural holiday traditions. Displays include El Dia de Tres Reyes (Epiphany), the seven symbols of Kwanzaa, the Scottish celebration of Robert Burns, a collection of antique Menorahs, vintage electric trains, and decorative Christmas trees.

Discover how the holidays are celebrated around the world and share some of your family traditions.

Saturday, Dec. 9, is "Family Day" and activities are planned in addition to the open house and tours. Visitors are invited to two sing-alongs. The first is at 10 a.m. with Penny Kohut of Christ Church Children's Center. At 2 p.m., Linda Hamilton of Learning Jamboree leads the sing-along. Jane Griswold will lead the scavenger hunt for children.

There will also be coloring activities, puppetry, interactive learning about holiday traditions, food, and cider. The events

are free.

In addition, there will be a silent auction featuring gift items donated by local businesses. Bidding is open all week and the items include sports tickets, theme baskets, and toys in addition to gift certificates for restaurants, home improvement and landscaping. Final bidding and winner announcements will be Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Open house hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6, 7, and 8.

Hours for Saturday, Dec. 9 are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Amos Blanchard House, 97 Main St.

Village Garden party

Village Garden Club members will meet at the home of Mary Lee on Thursday, Dec. 14 (not Saturday, Dec. 16, as originally planned) at 7:30 p.m. for a gala Christmas party and gift swap. Hostess for the evening will be Carol Livingston, assisted by Nancy Hurlin, Renita Johnson, Joan Rollenhagen and Micki Deyoreo. The flower arrangement will be by Sally Shirazi.

AARP holiday program

The Andover-North Andover chapter of AARP will have a gala holiday program at its 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 meeting at the Andover Senior Center. The 17-member Sunrise Singers, under the direction of piano and voice-teacher Linda Kirk, will offer a program of holiday music. Accompanying the singers will be Carole Garone. Pianist Ray LaFortune will entertain. The meeting tables will be set up with a party theme.

This chapter of national AARP, led by Eleanor Fritsch, of North Reading, meets on the second Tuesday of the month, September through June. The function of both national AARP and its local chapter is to help people ages 50 and over enjoy life, make friends and solve problems.

Members are asked to bring a Christmas tree decoration and to bring non-perishable foods and paper goods for Lazarus House.

Virtual tour of Peru

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy will co-sponsor a meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, Main Street. The special program and holiday reception are open to the public free of charge.

Malinda Blustain, curator of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, will conduct a curatorial tour of "Peru: From Village to Empire." The exhibition at the museum, which opened in September, is ongoing through July.

The exhibit explores the process of human society, as it culturally has developed from the most simple to the most complex. Much is known about the Mexican society, as exemplified by the Aztecs. Less is understood of the Peruvian society and their culture process as represented by the Incan Empire, the last of the pre-Columbian acculturation with Spanish contact.

For more information concerning monthly programs, call 749-4490.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Theater Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to the Merrimack Repertory Theater in Lowell on Thursday, Dec. 28 for the 2 p.m. matinee performance of *Founder of the Feast*. This play is a contemporary and more adult version of *A Christmas Carol*, and we have great 17th row seats. Tickets are \$17 and reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

Gift Certificates: Don't forget that a senior center gift certificate makes a great holiday gift. Certificates may be used for any class, activity, trip or special event sponsored by the center during the year and they're available in any denomination.

Fix-It Shop: If you need that last-minute item fixed before the end of the year, you will have one more chance on Tuesday, Dec. 19 between 1 and 3:30 p.m. when our volunteers will be happy to take a look at whatever you might have that is in need of some repair.

Christmas Sale: The center will sponsor a Christmas sale on Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We'll have a wide variety of poinsettias and holiday plants, gingerbread houses, gift items, and a great selection of bakery items. Please help us by spreading the word and stopping by for a look.

Holiday Coffee/Open House: We invite you, your families and friends to join us on Thursday,

Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for a holiday coffee and open house. We'll be serving up an array of breakfast goodies along with good cheer. Everyone is welcome as we gather to wish each other a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. If you'd like to join us, call the center and leave your name so that we may plan appropriately.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be shown on Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. when we will show *A Simple Twist Of Fate* starring Steve Martin. This is a heartwarming story about a single father and his adopted daughter.

Winter Session Begins Next Week: Please stop into the center this week if you would like to register for any of our exercise classes including yoga, line dance, aerobics, men's exercise, tai chi, water workout, and strength training. A new 12-week semester, gets under way next Monday.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group, which is open to all computer users, will hold its next meeting Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the drop-in center. Anyone who is interested may just come by.

Latin American Christmas Dinner: Come join us this Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. when we will celebrate Christmas Latin style with a complete roast pork dinner, Latin music and dancing and displays. Tickets are \$9 and are available at the center.

November Winners: Novem-

ber winners in the senior \$1,000 club were as follows: \$1,000 to Mary Kusmienieki; \$100 to Charles Waldie; \$50 each to Gilbert DeMoor, Jessie Dunn, and Agnes Ratcliffe. Agent award to

Charles Waldie.

Men's Breakfast: Ed Nieburger, professional shell expert and collector, will be the guest speaker at the men's annual holiday breakfast, scheduled for Friday,

Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. If you have a favorite shell or an unusual one that you would like Ed to take a look at, feel free to bring it along. Ladies welcome. Reservations, \$3.

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ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Norton Jones

Longtime Andover resident; service is Saturday, Dec. 16

Elizabeth "Betty" Jones, 90, of Sambel Island, Florida, and formerly a longtime Andover resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 5 at home.



Elizabeth "Betty" Jones

Family members said she lived independently in Andover for eight months out of the year and spent the winter months on the beach in Florida. Her special way of dealing with her age and the challenges of osteoporosis continued to inspire those who knew her.

She was born in Rochester, N.Y. and attended Eastman School of Music. She was an accomplished cellist, playing with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra. In 1934, she married Idris William Jones, an American Baptist minister, and began a partnership which led to churches in New York, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Michigan and Missouri.

In addition to raising four children, she had several careers. Her love for music led her to teach piano to hundreds of upstate New York children. Her love for writing and for early education led her to write

Christian education curriculums used in several Protestant denominations.

Her enormous energy and indomitable spirit could be seen in her career as a public school teacher. At age 66 she was certified to teach in the Massachusetts Public Schools and was the fulltime music teacher for three Stockbridge, Mass., elementary schools for seven years. The school system extended the mandatory retirement age requirement three times to accommodate her.

Her final career started when at age 79, she cared for her husband during the ending days of his life. As a result, she first became a volunteer for the Merrimack Valley Hospice at age 80 and then served as its volunteer coordinator for four years. It was not unusual to see her at senior community events serving "older folks" who were 10 years her junior.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Andover Baptist Church and, most recently, South Church in Andover, where she served as a deacon during her 80s. Her love for Andover and its people who were suffering through terminal illnesses kept her alive and moving through her own pain of osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.

Members of her family include her three children, Robert I. Jones of New York City, Thomas O. Jones of Andover, and Virginia L. Jones of Joliet, Ill.; two sisters, Eleanor Norton Brew of Burlington, Vt., and Dorothy Norton Battey of Webster, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren including Laura Fallon, Michael Jones, McKenzie Jones, and Penelope Jones, all of Andover; and seven great-grandchildren.

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She was also the mother of the late Miriam Jones Murdoch.

A celebration of Betty Jones's life will be held at the South Church on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01842.

William W. Stewart Worked for Andover Plumbing and Heating

William W. Stewart, 69, of New Boston, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Nov. 29 at home.

He was born in Andover and was a union plumber, working for Andover Plumbing and Heating for 20 years until his retirement in 1986.

He was a former member of the Andover Elks.

Members of his family include his three children, Christine Quirk and her husband Thomas of New Boston, Pearl Stewart-Ryan and her husband Richard of Derry, N.H. and David Stewart of Andover; two sisters, Diane Lane and Gertrude Spink, both of Andover; five grandchildren; one niece; and one nephew.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Deaths Elsewhere

AUTIERI - Albert F. Autieri, 83, of Haverhill, died Monday, Dec. 4 at Vencor North Shore Hospital in Peabody.

Mr. Autieri worked at Raytheon Co. for more than 20 years in the plating department.

CHRETIEN - Eileen Y. Chretien, 73, a longtime resident of Lawrence and Methuen, died Saturday, Dec. 2 at home.

Mrs. Chretien worked as a clerk for 30 years at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover.

TINNEY - Mary J. (Eismont) Tinney, 81, of Methuen, died Monday, Dec. 4 at Holy Family Hospital.

Mrs. Tinney was a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for several years before she retired. Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Karl Thiele of Andover.

YOUNG - Earl R. Young, 74, of Franconstown, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 4 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.

Mr. Young retired as a New Hampshire state auditor and was a former employee of Raytheon Co. in Andover.

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Joseph S. Palermo

Was research engineer for 35 years at MIT

Joseph S. Palermo, 82, of Andover, died Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Boston Medical Center.

Mr. Palermo was a research engineer for 35 years at MIT in Cambridge.

Born in Boston, he graduated from St. Clement's High School in Somerville. He received a bachelor's degree from Boston College.

He lived in Andover for 25 years after moving from Woburn. He was a member of the Andover Senior Citizens and volunteered for various organizations.

He was the widower of Carmel G. (Gianuario) Palermo. Members of his family include his sons, Joseph S. Palermo Jr. and his wife, Janet, of Chesterfield, Mo., and Thomas P. Palermo of Oxford; a sister, Mary R. Galdi of Stoneham; close friend Vickey Wrigley of Andover; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108; or American Heart

Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Mary W. Putnam

Was active at West Parish Congregation

Mary Ward Putnam, 83, of Andover, died Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Prescott Nursing Home in North Andover.

She was born in Methuen. She was a member of West Parish Congregation and was active in the church's Women's Evening Circle.

Members of her family include seven nieces, Constance Conn of Newton, Mary Pear of Portland, Conn., Jean Putnam of Portsmouth, N.H., Susan McPhee of Auburn, Karla Thompson of Marlboro, Priscilla Sandler of Naples, Fla., and Deborah Halleran of Andover; and two nephews, John Newall of Snyder, N.Y., and Roger Newall of Albuquerque, N.M.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 01810.

Martha B. Scott

Lifelong Christian Scientist attended church here

Martha B. Scott, 86, of North Andover, died Wednes-

day, Nov. 29 at Edgewood Assisted Living.

She was a lifelong Christian Scientist and a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Andover.

She was born in Indianapolis, Ind. and formerly lived in Lawrence, Kansas, where her husband was a professor of Law at the University of Kansas.

Members of her family include her husband, William R. Scott of North Andover; a daughter, Susan (Scott) Wilner of Andover; and two granddaughters, Emily and Allison Wilner, both of Andover.

Arrangements were by Conte & Dewhirst Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ Scientist of Andover, 278 North Main St., Andover, 01810.

George S. Faris

Was tool & dye maker for Ford Motor Co.

George S. Faris, 90, of Newburyport, formerly of Andover and Seabrook, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 4 at Country Manor Nursing Center.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Faris was raised and educated in Fort William, Ontario and Dier-el Kamer, Lebanon. After returning to this country he enrolled in Henry Ford Trade School in Detroit and worked as a tool and dye maker for Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Faris later worked for Jimmy's Taxi Co. of

Lawrence, and founded Common Street Garage and Lawrence Parking Corp. in that city, retiring in 1989.

A lifelong parishioner of St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church in Lawrence, Mr. Faris was a Eucharistic minister at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church in Seabrook. He was a member of St. Anthony Holy Name Society, Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 67, Central Catholic Men's Guild, Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the National Parking Association and the Valley Eagles.

Members of his family include his wife of 60 years, Helen M.

(Bourges) Faris of Seabrook; two sons and their wives, William A. and Joyce E. Faris of Norman, Okla., and Christopher J. and Christina Faris of Richmond, Maine; a daughter, Barbara M. and husband David P. Prophet of Orrtanna, Pa.; a brother, Bechir Faris of Methuen; a sister, Victoria Kattar of Lawrence; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Maronite Church, 70 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

RELIGION NEWS

Noel Smith and Dr. Larry Larsen lead a contemporary worship service called "Christmas Villians: Herod, Scrooge, and the Grinch," on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. at South Church, Central Street.

475-0529 to register.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols will take place at 10 a.m. at the church.

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel is holding its annual children's Hanukkah party on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. The party will feature children's entertainment by Marcus Gale at 1:30 p.m., along with food, face-painting and cookie-decorating. The cost is \$10 per family at the door. For more information call 470-1356.

St. Augustine Church is sponsoring an auction of fine art on Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Rita's. The preview is from 7 to 8 p.m. and the auction starts promptly at 8 p.m. For more information, call Peg Murphy at 475-0083.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, there will be an Advent Quiet Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North Chapel of Christ Church, 33 Central St. Soup and bread will be served at noon. "Join us for quiet reflection, prayer and Eucharist," organizers said. Call

On Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., the temple will hold a special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool- and school-aged children. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the liturgy.

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Business

Business briefs...

Chamber members host holiday mixer

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Andover Country Club and Fleet Bank, will present "a holiday marketing mixer" on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non members.

For more information, call the chamber at 686-0800.

Dentist promoted

Dr. Frank A. Odum of 1 Agawam Lane was promoted to the position of assistant professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Odum, who is in the department of general dentistry, is presently the director and clinical instructor in the emergency clinic at the school. His duties include overseeing and training third and fourth-year students in diagnosis and treatment in emergency situations.



Frank Odum

Odum is a 1966 graduate of Boston College and 1960 graduate of New York University College of Dentistry. He served two years U.S. Army Dental Corp. where he was assigned to the 75th station hospital, 24th infantry division, stationed in Augsburg, Germany.

He was honorably discharged in 1962 and returned to start his own practice in Stone-

Wholesale electrical supply company

Granite City Supply opens tenth branch

By Rebecca Piro

The shelves inside the new Granite City Electric Supply Company are stacked high with everything an electrician would wish for, says Manager Mike Murray.

"(We've got) basically everything you'd need to wire up a building or a school, from switches to wiring to lights," he says.

The store opened Monday on Lowell Junction Road as a wholesale electrical supply distributor.

Though this is the tenth - and one of the largest - branches of the company, its presence in Andover does not necessarily signal an increase or even continued level of development in town, say Murray and town Planning Director Steve Colyer.

While the store certainly targets local electricians, it will draw contractors from all over the region, says Murray.

"We've got customers from all over," he says. "We deliver as far down (as) Boston and (as far) up to New Hampshire. The local electrician is going to be the most common customer, obviously."

There are as many - and probably more - existing buildings that need electrical work in Andover as there are new structures going up in town, says Colyer.

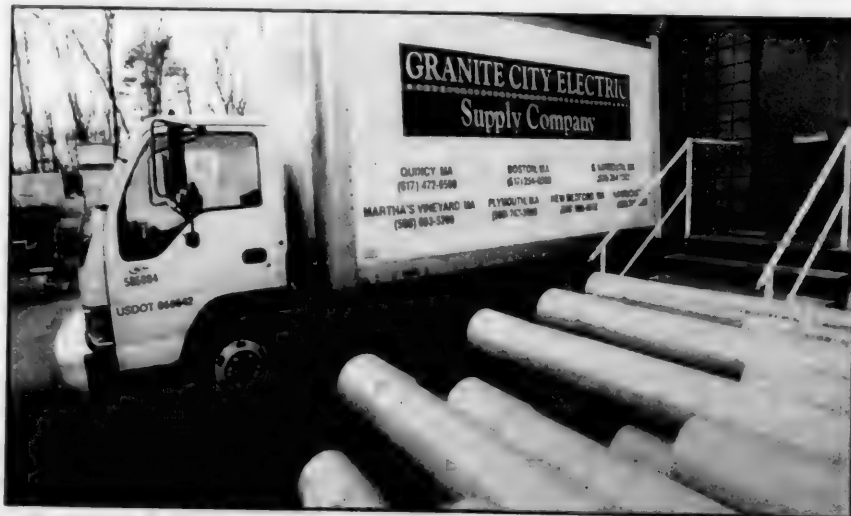
"If this company was going to distribute strictly to builders who build only new houses in the town of Andover, then that's one thing," he says. But electricians perform lots of renovation work on Andover homes and buildings, which is separate from, and does not suggest, new development in town. "You can't say

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Photos by Tim Jean

Wirey fellow — Mike Murray, branch manager of the new Granite City Electrical Supply shop, says the company keeps in stock 450 items.



Supply and demand — With its move into Andover, Granite City Electric can add another number to the sides of its trucks.



David Andonian, president of corporate development at Andover-based CMGL, poses with Marian L. Heard, President and CEO of United Way of Massachusetts Bay. Andonian delivered keynote remarks at the recent United Way real-estate and building-industry leadership breakfast, which raised a record-breaking \$1,271,000 for United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

After bagging Madonna, NaviSite looks for more

After successfully streaming Madonna's live concert from London, England on Nov. 28, one would think Andover based NaviSite would use this notch in the belt to grab hold the national and international spotlight. However, Mark Torrey, director of product development at NaviSite, explained, "Because we pulled off the event so successfully were in negotiations to handle more business. We have the audience statistics and its extremely impressive, but we want to do the right thing and secure the business before we start beating our chests."

Although under non-disclosure agreements with MSN, the content producer for the Madonna concert, NaviSite has reported that not only did millions of people watch the concert

via NaviSite's streamOS technology, but also "Without question this was the biggest event in history in terms of simultaneous connections," said Torrey.

NaviSite developed the streamOS technology over the past two years, but publicly launched the product two months ago. For the Madonna concert in London, Madonna hopped on stage, singing and bopping around to the songs from her newest album, *Music*. A British video and production company filmed the event like a regular live television broadcast and then uplinked the live footage via satellite. NaviSite's facility on Minuteman Road has satellite dishes located on the roof, and these were used to pull the signal down from outer space and into NaviSite's computers. NaviSite

employees tweaked and fine-tuned the delivery adjusting for color and then encoding the footage so that it could be broadcast and seen all over the world, from Sydney to St. Petersburg.

StreamOS only needs one NaviSite employee to make all of this happen, but for the Madonna event a team of 20 was on-hand for troubleshooting.

Torrey commented, "If we had reports that in Australia that the performance was lagging, on the fly we would reroute the traffic [through alternate Internet network routes] and bring it up to speed."

Those who missed Madonna wearing her urban cowboy hat and singing *Music*, can still catch the concert by downloading <<http://chat.msn.com/features/categories/madonna.asp>>.

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Electrical business

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this is all targeted to brand-new dwellings," he adds.

As far as Murray is concerned, his company is growing and the economy is still going strong.

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Sports

Winter previews: Varsity basketball, ice hockey, swim & dive

By Rick Harrison

Andover High 2000-01 winter sports previews begin today with a look at the varsity girls basketball, boys basketball, ice hockey and boys swim & dive teams.

BOYS BASKETBALL

With the graduation of four starters, and a major injury to the school's all-time career scoring leader, it appears the Golden Warrior hoopsters have their work cut out for them this winter.

"We definitely have to walk before we can run," said highly-successful 12th-year head coach Dave Fazio. "But we're heading into the season with a positive attitude."

"Last year was special, special, special. We got to the Division 1 North final and came within a couple points of advancing to the state's final four. That was an amazing group of kids and a memorable season."

Gone from that overachieving 20-4 squad are starters Pat Murnane (now attending the University of Maine), cat-quick point-guard Paul Bellacqua

(playing soccer at Elon College), Brad Stubenhaus (Ithaca) and Dave Cordina (Salve Regina).

The fifth graduate was Adam Silavitch (UMass Amherst), while guard Danny Hughes transferred to Middlesex School in Concord.

Sidelined with an ACL injury suffered while playing in a fall basketball league — is two-time All-Scholastic scoring machine Tom McLaughlin.

The 6'5" senior captain, who is equally-skilled at all five positions on the court, has been rehabbing the

injury for several months and will return to the doctor Jan. 4 to be re-evaluated.

"We're not expecting Tommy to play," said Fazio. "But who knows what the doctor will say. Tom won't pick up a basketball before Jan. 4. What happens after that is only speculation now."

McLaughlin, who was on track to become Andover's first 2,000 point man, has 1,561 points in three years including 389 as a freshman, 545 as a sophomore and 650 last winter.

Princeton University is his first choice for college and at this writing he was very close to an official confirmation of his acceptance to the school.

Fazio, who enters this season with an outstanding 174-73 career record and four Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championships at AHS, likes what he has seen thus far from his current squad.

"Their work ethic is amazing," he said. "In the first nine days of practice they worked as hard as any team I've had."

"Hopefully we can sting a few opponents. The league graduated a lot of very good players. There are several teams that have two and three excellent players, but no team that can put five proven varsity standouts on the floor. That could make for a very interesting year in the conference," said Fazio.

Leading the list of healthy returnees is senior 6-foot point-guard and captain Kevin Shepard, a lefty shooter who scored 117 points and played hard-nosed defense last season.

Shepard, headed for Boston College next fall to play baseball, was the sixth man on last year's hoop team, which beat Acton-Boxboro and Waltham in the Division 1 North Tournament before dropping a pulsating two-point 55-53 heartbreaker to Cambridge Rindge & Latin in the North final at Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

Other lettermen are senior guard Geordie Miliotis (5'8"), senior forward Chris Caverly (6'2"), senior forward Andy Carter (6'2") and senior forward Mike Byrne (6'1").

Miliotis and Caverly scored 20 points each in limited time as the second and third players off the bench last year. Byrne had 10 points and Carter nine.

Miliotis has been slowed during the pre-season with a broken middle finger on his shooting hand suffered when he deflected a pass at a recent practice. He is expected to return to the court tomorrow.

Carter missed most of last season with a knee injury but is back at full strength now.

One highly-regarded newcomer is senior 6'5" forward Bruno Zonitti, an AFS student from Paraguay who comes to town with good advance publicity.

"I can't say how good he is yet," said Fazio earlier this week, "because he's been down with an ankle

sprain."

Also new to the varsity are junior 6'4" forwards Pat Stockwood and Matt Withington, junior guards Chris Brouillard (6'0") and Anthony Silva (6'1"), sophomore guard Alex Ruda (5'9") and freshman point-guard Chris Vettrano (5'8").

Fazio has high hopes for Vettrano who appears to be an outstanding young prospect.

"The undecided health of the team makes any predictions tricky," said Fazio. "We don't know who's coming back or when."

"Our goal is to qualify for the tournament by getting at least 10 and hopefully a lot more wins. If we can get to the dance and get ourselves healthy, we could make some noise in the postseason."

"We won't change the way we play the game," continued Fazio. "Hustling man-to-man defense has done well for us the past 11 years. If we continue to play the tough 'D,' then it's a matter of scoring a few more points than the other team."

Andover, which attracted 90 candidates including 50 freshmen, did not shy away when it came to scheduling practice games.

The Golden Warriors opened with a scrimmage against defending State Division 2 champ Charlestown High last weekend, and 24 hours later took the floor against reigning State Division 1 champ St. John's of Shrewsbury.

"We held our own with St. John's and that's very encouraging," said Fazio.

The regular season opens next Tuesday night (7:30 p.m.) at Dracut, and the home opener is Dec. 19 versus Tewksbury (7:30).

Fazio sees Lowell, Haverhill, Central Catholic (undefeated JV team last year) and Methuen as potential MVC title challengers.

Andover will again play two in-season tournaments, the Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival Dec. 23-29 at the North Andover Field House and the MediaOne Tournament Feb. 17-18 at Boston College High in Dorchester.

The first-round pairings for the Christmas Tournament were drawn last night, after *Townsmen* presstime.

The MediaOne event, which AHS won last year with victories over Boston Latin and Haverhill, this season includes South Boston, Charlestown and host B.C. High.

The Golden Warriors will also play two other high-powered non-league opponents in mid-January, hosting Central Mass. juggernaut Holy Name of Worcester and traveling to Brockton High (Jan. 14).

Bob Hatem returns as JV coach and Chris Downer as freshman coach.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

With three returning starters from last year's 19-3 team, and heated rivalries in place with Central



Photo by Tim Jean

MVPs at AHS — Four of Andover High's top individual athletes, all named Most Valuable in the Merrimack Valley Conference in their sport this fall, got together earlier this week with the tools of their trade (stick, ball, sneaker) in front of a banner recently presented to the school in recognition of its winning the annual Ernest Dalton Memorial Award for athletic excellence. Pictured, front: senior Abby Dennehy (left) who was voted Most Valuable Player in field hockey, and sophomore swim sensation Connie Brown who was named MVC Swimmer of the Year for the second straight time. Brown holds the 2000 MIAA State Team Championship Trophy won two weeks ago by the Lady Warriors. She has sparked Andover to two straight state titles by setting three individual state records and helping establish three other state relay marks the past two years. Andover has also won 24 consecutive dual meets since Connie arrived on the scene.

Rear: boys senior cross country standout Tim Galebach (left) and senior volleyball star Robin Young. Galebach was named MVC Division 2 Runner of the Year after going undefeated (6-0) in regular season dual- and tri-meets, placing second in the MVC Championship Meet, first in the State Coaches Invitational Division 1 Junior/Senior Race and an all-time AHS best third in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 boys race. He also finished 15th at the All-State Meet in Grafton and competed in the Foot Locker Championships at Van Cortland Park in New York City. Young was co-MVP in MVC Division 1 volleyball after leading the Lady Warriors to a 19-3 record (41-4 the past two years).

Andover won the Dalton Award in Division 1 by compiling the top overall winning percentage among all Massachusetts schools of its size. The won-lost-tied records of all boys and girls varsity sports are used to compile each school's percentage. The AHS girls were first in the state, the boys third and, when combined, Andover was the winner. The award is given each year by the *Boston Globe* in honor of its long-time writer/columnist Ernie Dalton.

—Rick Harrison

AHS PREVIEWS

Catholics, Methuen, and Haverhill. This season, the most interesting and exciting season for head coach Jim Tisdale's Lady Warriors.

In the last five years, the Andover girls have won 21 of 22 overall, winning three Merrimack Valley Conference titles, four Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championships and a pair of Division 1 North crowns.

The locals reached the State Division 1 final once, losing to Minnechaug Regional, and the Eastern Mass. state semifinal on another occasion.

Our major strength this year is experience," said Tildsley. "We have more depth than in the last five years. The second group gives the starters a 'go' every day in practice."

"I'm very happy with the development of the whole girls basketball program in Andover. The freshman and JV teams have large and enthusiastic turnouts and the travel program at the lower level is also very successful."

The key graduates from last year's MVC title team, which completed the regular season undefeated in league play, were Lindsey Pearson, Michelle Dams and Allison James.

Pearson, now playing basketball as a freshman at New York University, had 267 points as the second high scorer last year and 689 points in her AHS career as a four-year player. The despite being plagued by recurring back problems.

Dams, now at Babson College in Wellesley, played three years and scored 264 points.

Returning starters among the original turnout of 49 varsity candidates are senior guard and team captain Lisa Fishert (5'8"), sophomore point guard Jenny Muller (5'7") and junior forward Shannon Sweeney (5'6").

Fishert missed more than half of last season, with mononucleosis, but still managed 144 points and has 48 points through three games.

Lisa is a special kid," said Tildsley. "She's a member of a vanishing breed... a three-sport athlete (soccer, softball). She's good at all three sports and you just don't see too many like her these days at specialization."

We strongly encourage our kids to play at least two sports and most of them do.

Muller, younger sister of current Lehigh University players and AHS record-shattering twins Charlotte and Sarah Muller, made an auspicious varsity debut last winter with a team-high 311 points. She also averaged six assists and four steals per game.

Sweeney scored 138 points as a freshman and 142 as a sophomore.

Other returning letterwinners are senior center Shawna Foley (6'0"), senior forward Karen Whelan (5'10"), junior center Megan Pinksten (6'0"), junior guard Katie Kramer (5'6"), junior forward Kelly McLaughlin (5'8") and sophomore forward Samantha Hughes.

Pinksten scored 152 points last year and produced double figures in rebounds 10 times.

Kramer, a high-scoring sniper on the soccer field, netted 60 basketball points last year.

The three varsity newcomers are junior forward Alice Anestis (5'9"), sophomore guard Mary Fish (5'5") and freshman forward Ashley

McLaughlin (5'11").

Ashley and Kelly McLaughlin are sisters of All-Everything boys star Tom McLaughlin.

Ashley is an outstanding prospect and she'll see plenty of action for us this season," said Tildsley.

"Defensively we should be very good. Once again we'll pressure the kid, a lot, and we'll hurry it upcourt as much as possible on offense," said Tildsley.

"We feel we have the area's best point guard (Muller) and several other proven scorers and rebounders. The kids are all working hard and we expect to be in the thick of things again."

"We have a terrific non-league schedule. We're bringing some very good teams in (to the Dunn Gym) this year," said Tildsley.

The regular season opens next Tuesday night at home against MVC rival Dracut (7:30 p.m.).

The non-league teams Andover will host are traditional South Shore powers Braintree High (Dec. 20, 7 p.m.) and Brockton (Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.).

Multi-time defending champ AHS once again joins North Andover, Methuen and Salem, N.H. in the four team Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament (Dec. 28 and 30).

Andover's only regular season losses last year were back-to-back against Somerville and Braintree in the MediaOne Tournament.

The locals are once again in that tourney, which is scheduled Feb. 17 and 18 at Boston College High in Dorchester.

This year the field is completed by Melrose, Notre Dame Academy of Hingham and defending champ Somerville.

In pre-season scrimmages AHS faced Londonderry (N.H.) High, Norwich (Conn.) High, Pinkerton Academy of Derry, N.H., and Acton-Boxboro.

As far as the MVC goes, Tildsley notes, "Central Catholic is loaded and Lowell, Haverhill and Methuen will all be strong again."

The Lady Warriors had two tough battles with Central last year, winning the second game 35-31.

After beating Methuen twice (Amy Johnson returns, Jillian Madolemiss graduated) the locals were ousted by the Rangers in double-overtime, 74-68, in their Division 1 North Tournament semifinal last February.

Back as assistant coaches are Sue Rogers (JVs), Stephanie Ragucci (freshmen) and Dick Muller (varsity assistant).

ICE HOCKEY

With 17 players returning from last year the Andover High hockey team is one of the most experienced around.

"We're anxious for the season to get started," said 11th year head coach Bill Cullen after only 10 days of practice. "We have a veteran group that worked hard lifting weights and skating in the off-season. I believe we're ready for a very good year."

The Golden Warriors are coming off an uncharacteristic 7-13 season, their second consecutive non-tournament campaign after qualifying for postseason play the previous nine years.

But seven of those 13 losses were by one or two goals, and Cullen feels this year's group can turn those close

defeats into victories.

The key graduates were top scorer Andy Ryan (8 goals, 11 assists), goaltender Chris Salini (now attending Worcester Polytech), Brad Dunn (Nichols), Jason Swift, Matt Bushy and Jeff Stearns.

Swift missed virtually the entire season with a ruptured spleen, returning in the final game for a couple of turns on the ice. He was a top scorer the previous year and an inspirational leader last winter.

Returning defensemen are senior Capt. Brendan Gleason (29-11 points last year), junior All-Conference selection Tim LeGrow (6-7-13), senior alternate captain Mike Anderson, senior John Ronan, sophomore Steve Seero and junior George Lewis.

Anderson was a walking disaster last season. He separated his shoulder twice, suffered a knee injury and missed time with mononucleosis. Last summer, while kicking a soccer ball, he sustained an ACL injury.

Affectionately nicknamed "Robo-Leg" by his teammates, Anderson will play this winter with a heavy brace on the damaged knee.

Senior center and Capt. Jon Ofria, who had six goals and 10 assists last year, heads the group of veteran forwards.

Joining Ofria up front are senior right wing John Stearns, junior left wing Peter Burbank (8-6-14), sophomore center Mike Corey, senior left wing Dennis Moran (5-8-13), sophomore right wing Steve Johnson, senior center Chris Cataldo, senior left wing Jeff Vallera, senior right wing Dustin Shea, senior goaltender Brandon Gatlin and junior goaltender Derek Barenboim.

"We had 10 goalie candidates sign up," said Cullen, "and there has been an interesting battle going on for the available spots."

Three new netminders who have impressed are junior Mike Thompson, a transfer student from Toronto, junior Brian Kaminski who transferred back to AHS from Tilton Academy last year, and freshman Torin Traynor.

A sophomore trio of forwards, dubbed "The Stallion Line," consists of center John Limauro, right wing Joe Nasta and left wing Andrew Santos.

Other newcomers are junior right wing Doug Johnson, junior center Justin Leider, junior defenseman Doug McCoy and surprising sophomore rearguard Eric Levine.

Andover had preseason scrimmage games with Wilmington, Bishop Guertin of Nashua, N.H. and Canton High.

The locals will skate in the annual Methuen Jamboree this Saturday at the Methuen High rink, facing Bishop Fenwick of Peabody in a two-period mini-game at 6:40 p.m.

The regular season kicks off next Wednesday night with a Merrimack Valley Dual County League crossover game against Division 1 Tewksbury at the Janas Rink in Lowell (6 p.m.).

The home opener is against defending MVC Division 2 champ and pre-season favorite-to-repeat Boston Latin on Dec. 20 at the Merrimack Valley Forum on the Andover Lawrence line (6 p.m.).

"Latin has almost everyone back," said Cullen. "But I think we can give them a go this season. We played them tough the second time around last year, losing the game 4-2 while hitting the post twice with shots that could have tied it."

Andover will also play for the first time in the Wakefield Christmas Tournament Dec. 26 and 27. At presstime it wasn't known who their first-round opponent would be in the four-team tourney.

AHS also returns to the annual Newburyport Bank Classic at Graf Rink Feb. 19 and 22. The locals are matched against North Reading in the Fourrier Division semifinals. Haverhill and Amesbury complete the field in this one.

Bill Blackwell returns as varsity assistant and Ralph Quaglietta as JV coach.

Cullen is in his 32nd season of coaching, including prior stints as an assistant at Acton-Boxboro High (State Division 2 title in 1974), Methuen and 15 years as head coach at Wilmington where his teams won two MVHL titles and qualified for the tournament 12 times.

His Andover teams have won or shared two league (division) championships and gone to the tourney nine times.

Cullen begins the season with an 84-77-22 record at Andover, and he has more than 200 victories as a head coach including the years at Wilmington.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Can the Andover High boys swim and dive team give perennial Merrimack Valley Conference champion Chelmsford a run for its money this winter?

Fourth-year coach Mark Taffe thinks it's possible, although he readily admits the Lions "are still the top dog."

The Golden Warriors return 12 athletes from last year's team and are working with a record-high squad numbering 24.

The key graduate from last season was consistent pointscorer Jim Russo who is now attending Boston College.

Heading up this year's team are senior Capt. John D'Ambrosio, Luke Moskal and Rick Umlah.

All were regular top-three finishers in dual meets last winter. D'Ambrosio specializes in the butterfly,

backstroke and sprint freestyle events. Moskal is best in the individual medley and freestyle and Umlah in the backstroke and freestyle races.

Other returning seniors are sprint freestylers Rich Roda and James Paull along with Calvin Leung (backstroke, freestyle).

Junior Justin Crocker may be the team's most versatile swimmer, proficient in all events.

Juniors Rob Lakow, Jonathan Leung and Phil Martin are all excellent freestylers and Lakow is also strong in the backstroke.

Completing the veterans are a pair of sophomores, Mike Avila in the butterfly and distance freestyle, and Colin Callahan in the individual medley and breaststroke.

Promising newcomers include Steve Graham (all events), junior Gary Chen (freestyle, breaststroke), junior Adam Edelstein (freestyle) and sophomore Tom Huang (freestyle).

A solid group of freshman prospects includes Mike Cronin (freestyle, backstroke), Paul D'Ambrosio (individual medley, backstroke), Sean Geary (individual medley, distance freestyle), Matt Judell-Halfpenny (individual medley, breaststroke), Nick Saunders (butterfly, sprint freestyle) and one-meter diver Danny Guy.

"We're a well-rounded team with several good swimmers in every event," said Taffe. "The attitude is excellent, the kids are working hard and the numbers are terrific."

Taffe also has, for the first time, a volunteer assistant.

Jeff Bowe, who graduated last year, has been helping out.

"I'm really impressed with the way the kids have responded to Jeff and the job he's doing," said Taffe. "He makes things easier."

The Golden Warriors' eight-meet schedule in the five-team MVC kicks off next Tuesday with a home competition against Nashua, N.H. High.

Home meets will again be held at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

Other conference teams are Chelmsford, Lowell and Haverhill.

Last of the fall roundup

By Rick Harrison

GOLF

Junior Jon Ofria and senior Rick Umlah of the Merrimack Valley Conference champion Andover High golf team have been selected to the All-Conference Team.

Junior Dan Lentz, junior Tim LeGrow and sophomore Brian Alberico were also chosen MVC All-Stars.

The Golden Warriors won the conference title with a 14-2 record, finished 14-4 overall and then placed fourth in the Division 1 North Sectionals and sixth at the All-State Team Championship.

A.J. Mastrullo and Mike Cowdrey of Billerica High were named MVC Player- and Coach-of-the-Year respectively.

BOYS SOCCER

(Ed Note: Following is the rest of the AHS boys soccer story that did not run in its entirety due to space constraints.)

The five-day delay in starting the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament affected Andover, which was forced to

play high-powered No. 2 seed Beverly just 24 hours after knocking MVC rival Billerica out of the tourney.

MIAA Tournament Preliminary Round Andover 4 Billerica 1

Showing little rust from a 13-day layoff, the host Golden Warriors built a comfortable 3-0 halftime lead and cruised to the victory at Lovely Field.

The Indians (7-10-1), beaten 4-0 by Andover in their only regular season meeting, averted the shutout with a goal in the final minute of play.

Junior midfielder Chris Brouillard gave the locals a quick lead by scoring his fourth goal of the season with an assist to Paul Davison.

Shortly thereafter Andover senior keeper and Capt. Dan Bellacqua kept the lead intact with an outstanding save.

"It was a super stop that kept Billerica from building momentum and getting back into the game," said coach Amundsen.

Davison followed with another 20 yard blast that eluded Indians' keeper Jason Perrydore, freshman midfielder Chris Naitza picking up the assist

ROUNDUP

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on Davison's team-high 13th goal.

Matt Bengston made it 3-0 a short time later by converting a penalty kick that broke the visitors' back.

The score remained the same until the final two minutes of the game, when Andover Capt. Josh Gagnon and Billerica sweeper Dave Giordano traded goals.

Junior midfielder Jon Konjoian set up Gagnon's 12th of the season.

Bellacqua blanked Billerica and made 11 saves while playing most of the game in net. Senior Reed Clifton handled the final few minutes between the posts for the locals.

"Bellacqua did a terrific job," said Amundsen. "He handled everything that came his way."

Perrydore was tested with 19 shots and made 15 stops in the BMHS goal.

Amundsen also lauded the entire AHS defense led by senior Capt. Geordie Miliotis, senior sweeper Brian Gorrie, senior Capt. Jim Hale, senior Steve Hibino and sophomore Mike Corey.

"They allowed us to dominate," said the coach.

Davison (sprained ankle), Hale (con-

cussion) and Naitza (concussion) did not play in the regular season finale but returned for the tournament.

FIRST ROUND Beverly 3 Andover 1

Northeastern Conference champ Beverly, which left the field with a 17-1-1 overall record, outshot the locals 19-5 and broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of second half goals during the 10th and 30th minutes by sophomore striker and Liberian native Ali Kaaba.

This followed an exchange of first half goals by the Panthers' Mike LeBlanc and AHS junior midfielder Jon Konjoian (unassisted).

LeBlanc left the game in the first half with a gash to his head that required five stitches. He returned in the second half after being sutured and assisted on one of Kaaba's goals.

"Our strategy was to stay with them, especially Kaaba, as tight as possible," said Amundsen, whose team was forced to play without one of its top scorers. "But we just couldn't stick with it for all 80 minutes."

"Kaaba is an excellent player and they're the type of team that can score goals in bunches. They're very powerful on the attack.

"Our keeper, Dan Bellacqua, was under pressure all day. He played an excellent game. He slipped and lost his footing on their first goal, and the same thing happened to their keeper (Peter Kersker) on our goal."

The Golden Warriors will graduate 10 seniors led by the four captains — Bellacqua, forward Josh Gagnon and defenders Geordie Miliotis and Jim Hale.

Other seniors are sweeper Brian Gorrie, defender Steve Hibino, midfielder James Kim, forwards Mark Baggeroer and Paul Davison and goalkeeper Reed Clifton.

Hall, Miliotis, Baggeroer and Kim were standouts today and Gorrie played a strong second half," said Amundsen.

Beleaguered Bellacqua made 16 saves.

After this win Beverly had outscored its first 19 opponents by a huge 86-16 margin.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2919-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF ALMA E. PARADISE otherwise known as ALMA SHERMAN PARADISE

To all persons interested in the estate of ALMA E. PARADISE otherwise known as ALMA SHERMAN PARADISE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 20, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by SCOTT L. PARADISE of West Newton in the County of Middlesex and JAMES H. EATON of Andover in the County of Essex praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving sureties on his bond; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said Commonwealth.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 8, 2001.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 1, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court From the office of Gregory N. Eaton Oakley, O'Sullivan & Eaton, P.C. 89 Main Street Andover, MA 01810 (978)474-4447 December 7, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2808-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF DENNIS J. DEMANCHE

To all persons interested in the estate of DENIS J. DEMANCHE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, July 30, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by MARY M. DEMANCHE, of Andover in the County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 2, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 24, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court December 7, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2879-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF CAROLE A. DUNN otherwise known as CAROLE ANN DUNN and CAROL A. DUNN

To all persons interested in the estate of CAROLE A. DUNN otherwise known as CAROLE ANN DUNN and CAROLE A. DUNN late of the County of Essex Date of Death, February 26, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by ROBERT F. DUNN, of Andover in the County of Essex praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 2, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 29, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court December 7, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH

A public hearing will be held by the Andover Board of Health in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, December 18, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81U, Subdivision Control Law for the purpose of reviewing the proposed subdivision Definitive Plan entitled: "PNE FOREST PARK", revision dated 08/15/00 located off Flash Road/Rte 5, Andover, MA, as filed on November 9, 2000, by Angelo Petrosino, North Reading and O. Bradley, Latham Esquire, Latham, Latham & Lamond PC, 643 Main Street, Reading, MA 01867

BY: Dr. Douglas Dunbar, Chairman
Andover Board of Health
December 7, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals for furnishing the following will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the proposals will be opened.

ITEM

Proposal No. RFP001/12-00/040
Real Property Acquisition for Active and Passive Recreation and Other Municipal Purposes

OPENING
January 5, 2001
4:00 P.M.

Specifications and Proposal forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810.

The Town of Andover is interested in purchasing real property located within the Town of Andover for active and passive outdoor recreation and other municipal purposes and requests proposals from owners who wish to sell their property. The property being offered must be located within the Town of Andover; must have marketable title satisfactory to the Town; must contain not less than ten acres in whole or in aggregate; must be free of liens and encumbrances; and must have real estate taxes paid to date of sale.

No proposer may withdraw his proposal for a period of One Hundred Eighty (180) days after the date set for the opening thereof. There is No Security required with this proposal.

Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all proposals or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town.

I. Iaine M. Shola
Purchasing Agent
December 7 & 14, 2000

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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in this, my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh holy Mary Mother of God, queen of Heaven and earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh show me herein you are my mother, oh Mary conceived with out sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands. (3 times). Holy Spirit resolve all my problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. (The person must say this prayer on three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the prayer is granted). M.E.M.

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS SOCCER Final (20 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Paul Davison	13	5	18
Matt Bengston	9	9	18
Josh Gagnon	12	5	17
Ryan Piazza	4	2	6
Chris Brouillard	4	1	5
Jon Konjoian	2	2	4
Chris Naitza	1	3	4
Jim Hale	1	2	3
James Kim	1	1	2
Geordie Miliotis	0	2	2
Geoff Wiech	0	2	2
Nick Brucato	0	1	1
Mike Corey	0	1	1
Steve Hibino	0	1	1
Brian Murphy	0	1	1
Mark Murphy	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Josh Gagnon 1.

Shutouts: Dan Bellacqua 2; Bellacqua, Greg Mongeau & Reid Clifton 2.

TOURNAMENT SUMMARIES

BOYS SOCCER

ANDOVER 4, BILLERICA 1
MIAA Division 1 North Tournament
Preliminary Round, at Lovely Field

Billerica 0 1 — 1
Andover 3 1 — 4

First Half

A. Chris Brouillard 4 (Paul Davison), 20:03
A. Davison 13 (Chris Naitza), 29:34
A. Matt Bengston 9 (penalty kick), 33:47

Second Half

A. Josh Gagnon 12 (Jon Konjoian), 38:02
B. Dave Giordano (Chad Hildreth), 39:04

Shots on goal: Andover 19; Billerica 13.

Goalkeepers: A. Dan Bellacqua (78 minutes, 11 shots, 11 saves); Reed Clifton (2 minutes, 2 shots, 1 save); B. Jason Perrydore (19 shots, 15 saves)

BEVERLY 3, ANDOVER 1

MIAA Division 1 North Tournament
First Round, at Hurd Stadium

Andover 1 0 — 1
Beverly 1 2 — 3

First Half

B. Mike LeBlanc (Ali Kaaba)
A. Jon Konjoian 2 (unassisted)

Second Half

B. Kaaba (unassisted)

B. Kaaba (LeBlanc)

Shots on goal: Beverly 19; Andover 5. **Goalkeepers:** A. Dan Bellacqua (19 shots, 16 saves); B. Peter Kersker (5 shots, 4 saves). **Final Record:** Andover 9-9-2

GOLF

DIVISION 1 NORTH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT at Georgetown Country Club State Qualifiers

1. St. John's Prep 314 strokes; 2. x-Billerica 336; 3. Lowell 336; 4. y-ANDOVER 339
x-Won second-place tiebreaker; y-Won fourth-place tiebreaker

Andover Scores

Dan Lentz 82; Brian Alberico 84; Tim LeGrow 84; Rick Umlah 89; Jon Ofna 91; Nick Berger 98

Note: Top four teams qualify for State Division 1 Tournament on Monday, Oct. 30 at Waverly Oaks CC, Plymouth.

MVC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP at Country Club of Billerica Par 33-35-55 (Andover Placers)

11. Derek Barenboim 41-39-80; T15. Andy Haak 45-38-83

EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

dren ages 7-12, 1-2 p.m., (no adults, limited to 12 children), \$12. Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell. (978) 452-7421.

Christmas Dreams and Holiday Wishes, by the Paint & Powder Club, 8 p.m., \$15 adults, \$8 children, Collins Center, 682-7974.

Christmas Villains: Herod, Scrooge, and the Grinch, with

Joel Smith and Dr. Larry Larsen, 5 p.m., South Church, Central Street, Ed Parker 475-2659.

Auction of fine art, preview 7-8 p.m., auction 8 p.m., St. Rita's, sponsored by St. Augustine parish, Peg Murphy 475-0083.

Concert, Christmas by Candlelight, Sacred Choral Artists, 7:30 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, students, 586 Mass. Ave., North Andover, (978) 685-9254.

Chanukah Melavah Malkah, 7 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hebrew Academy, Montefiore Synagogue, 460 Westford St., Lowell, (978) 452-6842.

Holiday concert, 2 p.m., North Andover Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, Marcia 683-7911.

Concert, Exsultet!, 8 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers, (978) 468-6519.

Children's Christmas party, up to age 12, 2 p.m., Santa visits at 2:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 32 Park St., North Andover, 687-9614.

Lecture, with Memhed Ali, president of the Lowell Historical Society, on "Phillip Marden Art Impresario," \$4, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, 475-2236.

Admission test, for prospective 9th-graders, 7:45 a.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, 687-4505.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Mark Scalia, John Joyce, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover, (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Angel Salzar, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover, (888) 865-2844.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, see Dec. 8 entry.

Noises Off, see Dec. 7 entry.

MSPCA's "The Night the Animals Talked", see Dec. 8 entry.

NOBO Show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

Holiday concert, Newburyport Choral Society, see Dec. 8 entry.

Holiday art show, sale, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

Concert, featuring Les Sampou.

Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., \$12, North Parish Church, North Andover, 687-3960. ▶

Don't Dress for Dinner, see Dec. 8 entry.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Jubilee Christmas Concert, featuring St. Matthew's

Church Choir of Windham, N.H., 2 p.m., \$10, benefits Neighbors in Need food pantry, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen, 685-8321.

Concert, Exsultet!, 5 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, 28 Mugford St., Marblehead, (978) 468-6519.

Holiday concert with music of Mozart and Grant, New England Classical Singers, 3 p.m., \$15, \$10 students, seniors, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 474-6090.

Feliz Navidad festival, 2 p.m., \$9, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, 623-8321.

Village School of Boxford's holiday house tour, 1-5 p.m., \$20, featuring homes in Boxford and North Andover, 887-6033.

Dunstable Men's Quartet Concert, 3 p.m., free, Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell.

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra concert, 2:30 p.m., \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, \$3 children, St. Michael's Church, 6th and Bridge streets, Lowell, (978) 372-8237.

Cinderella, Landis & Company Theatre of Magic, 2, 4 p.m., \$9, UMass Lowell's Durgin Hall, Lowell, (978) 934-4444.

Cookie Fest, 9 a.m.-sellout, \$3 a tin, United Presbyterian Church, 96 East Haverhill St., Lawrence, Carol 688-6645.

Holiday concert, Middlesex Singers, 7:30 p.m., \$5, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Chelmsford, (978) 256-7143.

Live jazz/blues, 5:30-9 p.m., Palmers Restaurant and Tavern, 18 Elm St., 470-1606 or Tony Gallo (781) 599-2307.

Holiday concert with pianist Jacqueline Schwab, 3 p.m., \$10, \$7



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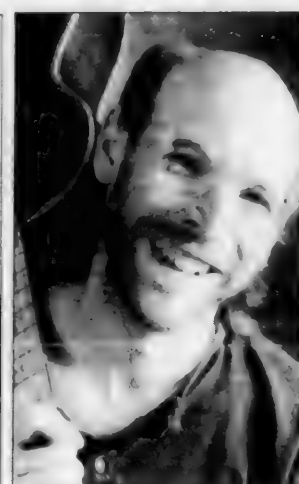


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Les Sampou (left photo) and Terry Kitchen (the opening act) will play in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover. Call 687-3960.

children, Unitarian Universalist Church, 326 Main St., Wakefield, (781) 646-2321.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover, (888) 865-2844.

Open house, Endicott College, 1-4 p.m., Tupper Hall, 376 Hale St., Beverly, (978) 232-2012.

Open house, Family Service, Inc., 4-7 p.m., 430 North Canal St., Lawrence; Christine Latino 683-9305.

Lecture, Ray Bates Jr., author of *Shipwrecks North of Boston*, 7:30 p.m., Peabody Essex Museum, 21 Lothrop St., Beverly, (978) 921-0747.

Concert, Christmas by Candlelight, Sacred Choral Artists, 6 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, students, West Congregational Church, Route 97, Haverhill, (781) 665-9254.

2.3 mile hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., Wood Hill, Andover; Fred Snell 686-3647.

A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house, see Dec. 7 entry, with silent auction winners announced, 2-3:30 p.m.

Noises Off, 2 p.m., see Dec. 7 entry.

MSPCA's "The Night the Animals Talked", 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

NOBO Show, noon-5 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

Holiday concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 2 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.

Christmas Dreams and Holiday Wishes, by the Paint & Powder Club, 2 p.m., see Dec. 9 entry.



A Midsummer Night's Dream, a musical comedy adaptation of the original Shakespearean comedy, will be presented by the West Middle School eighth grade on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9. Both performances will be at 7 p.m. at West Middle's auditorium on Shawshen Road. Cast members and the school are selling the tickets prior to the performance for \$6 each, or a ticket may be purchased at the door for \$8. Some of the student performers are (in the photo) Sam Adams as Puck, George Eichman as Theseus, Erin Korte as Titania, Jessie Shields as Hermia, and Mike Brucato as Oberon. Also in the production are Lauren Elias as Hippolyta, Luke Bryden as Demetrius, Dan Brennan as Aegeus, Leslie Willey as Helena, and Andrew Boudreau as Lysander. The students are performing the play in connection with their Language Arts curriculum study.

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EVENTS LISTINGS

MONDAY, DEC. 11

Community Messiah Sing, 7:30 p.m., \$5 donation suggested, Andover Choral Society, First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover; 687-8225.

Health clinic for seniors, 1-2 p.m., Frye Circle, sponsored by Andover Board of Health; 623-8295.

Andover High School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, 7:30 p.m., Andover High; Lois Karfunkel 470-0047.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Auditions, Gaslight (Angel Street), adults only, 7 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Curatorial tour, "Peru: From Village to Empire", 7:30 p.m., free, Robert S. Peabody Museum, Main Street; Malinda Blustain 749-4490.

Gala holiday program, 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the Andover-North Andover chapter of AARP, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 475-6698.

Christmas Giving Luncheon, for women of all ages, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$14, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, reservations required; Ruth Wacome (781) 862-1679.

Holiday reception and theatre show, benefits Retarded Adult Rehabilitative Assoc. of Greater Lowell, 7 p.m., \$35, Merrimack Repertory Theater, Merrimack Street, Lowell; Melanie or Sue (978) 453-5598.

The Elves and the Shoemaker, Pin-gree Children's Theatre Troupe, 11 a.m., Mary Weld Center for the Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton; (978) 468-2194.

Jazz, with Bombay Jim and the Swinging Sapphires, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97 Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Auditions, 42nd Street, the Colonial

Chorus Players, for those over 15, 7 p.m., The Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading; Tom Coffin (781) 245-1488.

Lyme disease support group meeting, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon (978) 468-6336.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Adoption information meeting, the Florence Crittenton League, 7 p.m., 119 Hall St., Lowell; (978) 452-9671.

Slide competition night, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

HOPE (Helping Other Parents Endure) meeting, for those who have lost a baby, 7:30 p.m., first floor, Baldwin Park I, 12 Alfred St., Woburn; Rindy Huebner (781) 273-2624.

Classical holiday concert, 7-8:30 p.m., The Quintessential Quartet, Thai Sweet Basil, Shawsheen Plaza; 470-8098.

Auditions, 42nd Street, see Dec. 12 entry.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Decorative arts workshop, 7 p.m., \$10, hosted by the North Andover Garden Club, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Jill Barker 688-9505.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Live comedy, Greg Giraldo, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Live comedy, John David, Stephanie Peters, Dave Greenburg, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

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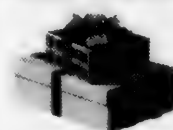
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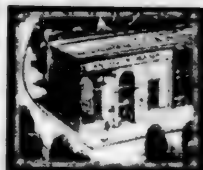
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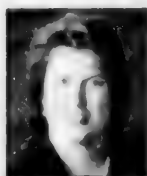
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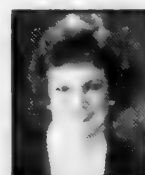
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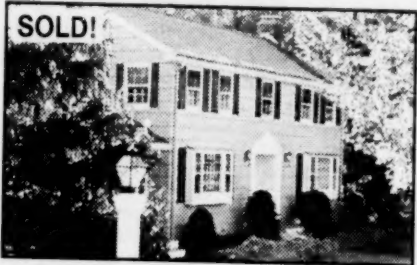
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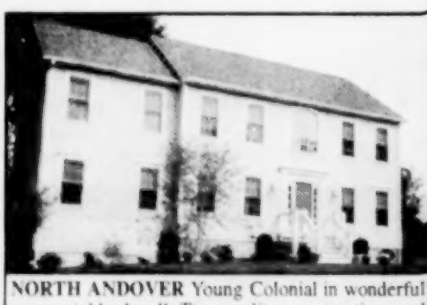
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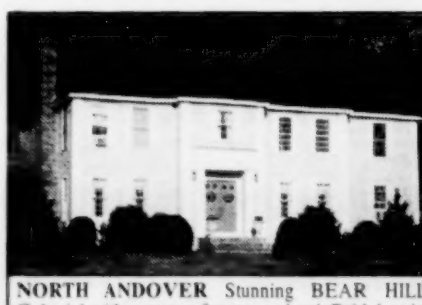
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